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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 12 December 2023 for information regarding payments to the World Health Organization (WHO). You requested:

*“A schedule showing payments made by the New Zealand government to the World Health Organization - please include payment dates and please include in the schedule all payments made from 1st January 2000 to present day. Please state the purpose or reason for a particular payment.”*

Please refer to Document 1 showing a schedule of payments made to the World Health Organization (WHO) from 2002 to present day. This is released to you in full. Current regulations require us to hold only 7 years of financial data, however we have been able to retrieve information going back to 2002. Please see the table in Appendix 1 explaining the purpose for these payments.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz)

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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### Appendix 1: Purpose of payments

Payment category	Purpose
Assessed contribution (AC)	<p>Assessed contributions are the dues countries pay in order to be a member of the WHO. The amount each Member State must pay is calculated relative to the country's wealth and population.</p> <p>Further information available here: <a href="http://www.who.int/about/funding#:~:text=Assessed%20contributions%20(AC)%20are%20a,20%25%20of%20the%20total%20budget.">www.who.int/about/funding#:~:text=Assessed%20contributions%20(AC)%20are%20a,20%25%20of%20the%20total%20budget.</a></p>
Chronic diseases	<p>Contribution to the WHO conducted report of the Global Survey on the Progress in Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.</p> <p>Further information available here: <a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241595698">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241595698</a></p>
Contribution to Revision of ICD10	<p>Contribution to the 10<sup>th</sup> revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD10) – The global standard for diagnostic health information.</p> <p>Further information available here: <a href="https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases">https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases</a></p>
Contribution to WHO International Small Community Water Supply Network	<p>Contribution to the achievement of substantive and sustainable improvements to the safety of small community water supplies around the world, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p>Further information available here: <a href="https://www.who.int/teams/environment-climate-change-and-health/water-sanitation-and-health/water-safety-and-quality/small-water-supply-management#:~:text=The%20International%20Small%20Community%20Water,world%2C%20particularly%20in%20Orural%20areas.">https://www.who.int/teams/environment-climate-change-and-health/water-sanitation-and-health/water-safety-and-quality/small-water-supply-management#:~:text=The%20International%20Small%20Community%20Water,world%2C%20particularly%20in%20Orural%20areas.</a></p>

EMF Project - International Electromagnetic Field Project	<p>Contribution to assess health and environmental effects of exposure to static and time varying electric and magnetic fields.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/initiatives/the-international-emf-project">https://www.who.int/initiatives/the-international-emf-project</a></p>
Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)	<p>The WHO FCTC Programme Budget is financed through the assessed and extrabudgetary contributions. Assessed contributions are the dues countries pay as a financial commitment to the convention.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://fctc.who.int/who-fctc/overview/assessed-contributions">https://fctc.who.int/who-fctc/overview/assessed-contributions</a></p>
Mental Health Action Programme – the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP)	<p>Contribution to scaling up of services for mental, neurological and substance use disorders for countries especially with low and middle-income.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/teams/mental-health-and-substance-use/treatment-care/mental-health-gap-action-programme">https://www.who.int/teams/mental-health-and-substance-use/treatment-care/mental-health-gap-action-programme</a></p>
Miscellaneous (Misc)	<p>Purchases of items of various types (e.g. books/pamphlets from the WHO).</p>
Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	<p>Contribution to the WHO action plan for the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2008-2013.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241597418">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241597418</a></p>
Pacific Island Mental Health Network (PIMHnet)	<p>Contribution to effective, appropriate and quality mental health services and care to the people of Pacific Island countries.</p>
Regional Committee Meeting	<p>Costs associated with New Zealand hosting the fifty-seventh session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in Auckland on 18-22 September 2006.</p>
Voluntary Assessed Contribution	<p>Voluntary contributions come from Member States (in addition to their assessed contribution).</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/about/funding#:~:text=Assessed%20contributions%20(AC)%20are%20a,20%25%20of%20the%20total%20budget.">https://www.who.int/about/funding#:~:text=Assessed%20contributions%20(AC)%20are%20a,20%25%20of%20the%20total%20budget.</a></p>
WHO global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol	<p>Contribution to the WHO global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241599931">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241599931</a></p>
WHO Programme Budget	<p>Contribution to WHO Programme Budget 2008/09 Strategic Objective 6: To promote health and development and prevent or reduce risk factors for health</p>

	<p>conditions associated with use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and other psychoactive substances, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity and unsafe sex.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/about/accountability/budget">https://www.who.int/about/accountability/budget</a></p>
<p>WHO world report on disability and rehabilitation</p>	<p>Contribution towards the first ever WHO/World Bank World report on disability and rehabilitation.</p> <p>Further information available here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/sensory-functions-disability-and-rehabilitation/world-report-on-disability">https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/sensory-functions-disability-and-rehabilitation/world-report-on-disability</a></p>

**Payments made to the World Health Organization – for New Zealand’s Assessed Contribution - 2002 to current <sup>1</sup>**

Payment year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Assessed Contribution	336,917	1,793,138	1,376,068	1,370,045	1,393,927	1,499,099	1,531,392	1,658,113	1,800,045	1,734,240	1,525,394	1,560,086	1,479,183	1,481,591	1,703,621	1,702,635	1,844,619	1,881,154	2,179,034	2,119,850	2,072,064	2,481,144	36,523,359

**Payments in thematic categories made to the World Health Organization - 2002 to current****Chronic Diseases**

Payment date	1/05/2007	Grand Total
Payment	205,298	205,298

**Contribution to Revision of ICD 10**

Payment date	05/05/2010	Grand Total
Payment	200,045	200,045

**Contribution to WHO International Small Community Water Supply Network**

Payment date	07/05/2008	29/04/2009	17/11/2010	08/02/2012	15/01/2014	01/04/2016	16/05/2017	Grand Total
Payment	10,045	10,045	10,045	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	70,135

**EMF Project**

Payment date	01/04/2003	17/03/2005	27/07/2006	29/05/2007	27/06/2007	07/05/2008	01/07/2009	17/11/2010	23/02/2011	12/06 2013	20/11/2013	21/04/2015	01/04/2016	10/04/2017	20/08/2018	17/05/2019	22/07/2020	26/07/2021	09/02/2023	Grand Total	
Payment	10,015	10,015	10,014	10,000	10,015	10,045	10,045	10,045	10,000	10,000	2 000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	205,194

**Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)**

Payment date	01/11/2006	28/06/2011	21/08/2013	26/08/2015	01/12/2017	21/07/2020	11/10/20 3	Grand Total
Payment	46,844	40,113	37,740	46,517	45,003	51,588	55,041	322,8 5

**Mental Health Action Programme**

Payment date	09/06/2004	15/06/2005	27/07/2006	03/10/2007	14/04/2010	Grand Total
Payment	200,013	200,015	245,008	79,583	100,045	824 663

**Misc**

Payment date	01/10/2002	05/05/2003	18/01/2006	04/03/2009	06/07/2009	18/04/2012	22 08/2012	22/01/2015	Grand Total
Payment	4,317	9,327	1,313	788	3,144	2,928	1,250	4,257	27,324

**Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)**

Payment date	30/04/2003	15/09/2003	13/08/2008	Grand Total
Payment	200,297	200,000	544,723	945,020

**Pacific Mental Health Network**

Payment date	01/09/2004	15/06/2005	03/11/2006	23/05/2 07	13/06/2007	30/01/2008	02/04/2008	27/05/2009	23/06/2010	Grand Total
Payment	520,013	150,015	500,015	500,015	90,015	500,045	425,045	668,044	208,045	3,561,253

<sup>1</sup> Please note the WHO Assessed Contributions are paid per calendar year therefore the calendar year has been provided not the payment date.

**Regional Committee Meeting (RCM)**

<b>Payment date</b>	07/09/2005	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Payment</b>	450,797	450,797

**Voluntary Assessed Contribution**

<b>Payment date</b>	03/05/2006	12/03/2008	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Payment</b>	42,478	36,407	78,885

**WHO global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol**

<b>Payment date</b>	17/05/2007	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Payment</b>	202,950	202,950

**WHO Programme Budget**

<b>Payment date</b>	14/05/2008	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Payment</b>	321,385	321,385

**WHO World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation**

<b>Payment date</b>	16/05/2007	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Payment</b>	169,706	169,706

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