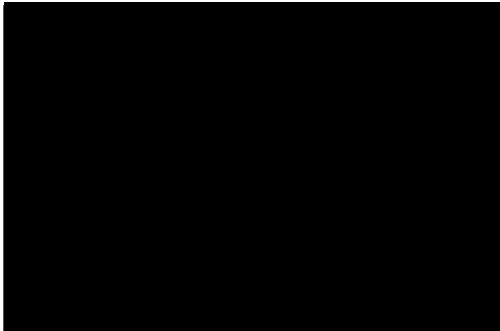


13 December 2019



**Re: Official Information Act request – Costs incurred by strike**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 2 December 2019 requesting following information:

Pursuant to s 12 of the Official information Act 1982, the Association of Professional and Executive Employees (APEX) requests Auckland District Health Board (the DHB) to provide the following information in relation to the Medical Laboratory Workers (MLW) strike that has taken place on 14-15 November 2019:

1. Any remuneration, including but not limited to incentives, of Laboratory Workers and any other employee for work carried out as a result during the strike, and any additional remuneration to process samples received during the strike action but not processed until after the strike period.

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2. Any ancillary costs incurred by the DHB as a result of the strike action including, but not limited to, meals provided, business related travel and accommodation and/or alternative days off.

Nil

3. Any costs incurred:

- For transportation of samples to other sites for testing
- Additional storage requirements, including costs related to hire or purchase of refrigerators.
- By loss of samples unable to be processed.

Nil

4. Further to item (1) above, detail of all costs associated with and time spent by any other staff such as administrators, payroll staff and managers undertaking tasks resulting from the strike action including, but not limited to, rescheduling of patients, contingency planning, calculating pay alterations as a result of strike action, drafting communication with the public and other staff regarding the strike.

It has not been possible to capture all costs associated with and time spent by any other staff including contingency planning, calculating pay alterations, and drafting communications and this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) in that the document containing the information does not exist.

5. The loss of revenue from rescheduling of surgeries and clinics during the period of the strike.

Nil

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive