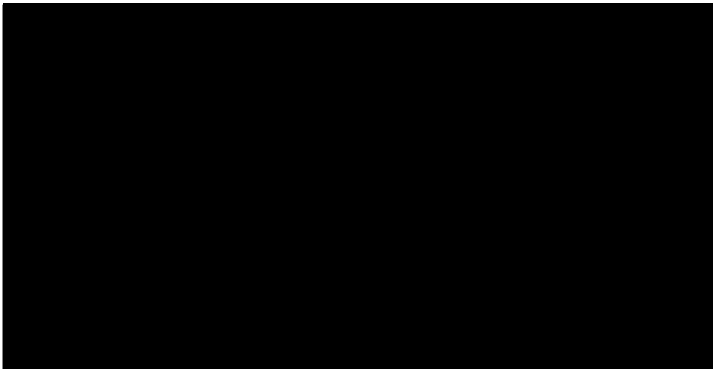


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Re: Official Information Request – Event at St Moritz in Queenstown

I refer to your official information request dated 22 September 2020 requesting the following information:

We understand you recently held an event at Hotel St Moritz in Queenstown. Could you please provide the total cost of this (itemised; including food, transport, accommodation etc) and any justification for not holding the event in Auckland?

Unfortunately I do not have the specific date. Feel free to provide information for all ADHB events held at Hotel St Moritz in the last year.

Auckland DHB has held no events at Hotel St Moritz in Queenstown. The event you appear to be referring to was the International Gynaecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) meeting. This is an international meeting which was scheduled for Rome, Italy, but was transformed into a virtual meeting because of Covid. Gynaecological oncologists, radiation oncologists and medical oncologists in NZ were going to login to the online platform. However, they then decided to meet and login together, as the clinicians are employed by three DHBs and this would enable a national discussion of issues relevant to all. They chose Queenstown for this purpose.

This was a one off event and decision, due to covid. This meeting is international and happens annually, next one in New York.

Costs were not meet by Auckland DHB directly. All attendees used their own money, personal Airpoints, and Continuing Medical education (CME) allowances available pursuant to their

employment contracts. We are thus unable to provide costs, but have collated the following from the conference organisers: .

Travel- Auckland to Queenstown return (varied per delegate)	\$250-600
Accommodation per night	\$260
Conference day delegate package (2 days), included conference facilities and lunch	\$174
Conference extra day delegate package (optional surgical day, conference facilities)	\$67
Conference evening sessions registration package (conference facilities and dinner)	\$240

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 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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