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Tēnā koe Daniel

Thank you for your request, received on 3 May 2020, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1) How much has been spent on tuition under the Fees Free scheme for each complementary therapy (below), for each year since the beginning of the scheme?

2) How many people have received under the Fees Free scheme for each complementary therapy (below), for each year since the beginning of the scheme?

3) If possible, what is next years projection on how much will be spent on complementary therapies?

Complementary therapies: Chinese medicine, kinesiology (aka applied kinesiology), homeopathy, Ayurveda, acupuncture, naturopathy/naturopathic medicine, herbal medicine, holistic pulsing, homeobotanical therapy, tui na/tuina, aromatherapy, yoga, chiropractic, osteopathy and any other pseudo-therapies.

On 27 May 2020 you were advised an extension was required to respond to your request, under section 15A of the Act, to 26 June 2020. This was because your request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information. Clarification was also sought to see if you required information on all courses or qualifications undertaken that relate to the areas you noted above, or if there was a specific focus on courses that are medicine or treatment related. In lieu of any clarification, the information provided has a specific focus on courses that are medicine or treatment related.

I am releasing the information in the table at Appendix 1, and note the following:

- Data for fees free is only available for the 2018 and 2019 calendar years. We are unable to provide any future projections as we do not collect the information at this detailed level;
- The qualifications and courses included were identified by searching for key words in the qualification and course title where the learner consumed fees free entitlements. Therefore the below is not an exhaustive list;
- All groupings in Appendix 1 are based on qualification and course titles only which may fall into multiple areas;
- Qualifications and courses listed in Appendix 1 were compared to the data held on learners who benefited from the Fees-Free scheme to identify learner numbers and the value of Fees-Free funding. Not all qualifications and courses necessarily had learners who benefited from fees-free;



- Data was sourced from our fees free reporting database. This data relies on the accuracy of reporting by providers in the Single Data Return, and "Fees-free all enrolments and costs" reporting;
- The number of learners should not be aggregated as learners can be enrolled/reported in more than one qualification and/or course;
- If the learner count is 5 or less, the actual value has not been provided for privacy reasons. These can be identified by the "<5" value; and
- This data has been compiled specifically to respond to this question. It uses administrative data collected by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) for the purposes of funding tertiary education. Care should be taken when making comparisons with data collected or compiled for other purposes.

In compliance with the Official Information Act, I am withholding some information in the released table under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I am satisfied, in terms of section 9(1) of the Act, that the need to withhold the information referred to above is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

The TEC intends to publish its response to this request on our website with your personal details removed. Consistent with the Act, we are publishing responses in the interests of transparency and accountability, and to improve access to official information.

Nāku noa, nā



Tim Fowler
Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission

APPENDIX 1

Area requested	Qualifications included	Additional Courses included (that are not included in the qualification/s listed)	2018 Learner Count	2018 \$ Fees Free Consumed	2019 Learner Count	2019 \$ Fees Free Consumed
Acupuncture	PC9792 Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture)	COMP801 Western Acupuncture COMP802 Theoretical Concepts of Western Acupuncture	0	-	11	\$107,079
Applied Kinesiology	ND0629 Kinesiology (level 7)	BRS5.116 Applied Kinesiology	6	\$4,792	0	-
Aromatherapy ¹	PC3624 Diploma in Aromatherapy	AT101 Foundations of Aromatherapy	<5	Withheld under s 9(2)(a) OIA	0	-
Chinese Medicine ²	PC3000 Master of Health Science – Chinese Medicine PC3663 Diploma in Tuina PC9706 Diploma in Tui Na (level 7) PC2448 Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine PC2429 Post Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Chinese Medicine)	CM CMK1 Chinese Medicine Theory 1 CMK2 Chinese Medicine Theory 2 CMK8 Chinese Medicine Classical works 2 CMP1 Chinese Medicine Practicum 1 CMP2 Chinese Medicine Practicum 2 CMP3 Chinese Medicine Practicum 3 CMP4 Chinese Medicine Practicum 4 CMP5 Chinese Medicine Practicum 5 CMCP3 Chinese Medicine Clinic Practicum 3 CMK6 Chinese Medicine Classical Works 1K1 Chinese Medicine Theory 1 CMK2 Chinese Medicine Theory 2	15	\$115,477	8	\$12,690
Chiropractic	PC3163 Bachelor of Chiropractic		0	-	22	\$377,741
Herbal Medicine	PC8341 Bachelor of Naturopathic and Herbal Medicine CPI06 Certificate in personal interest in Herbal Medicine 2 CPI02 Certificate in personal interest in Herbal Medicine 1	CMK4 Herbal Medicine 1 CMK5 Herbal Medicine 2 CMK7 Herbal Medicine 3	7	\$45,570	<5	\$28,868
Homeopathy	PC9176 Diploma in Homeopathy (animal health) NZ2986 NZ Diploma in acute prescribing with homeopathy PC9811 Diploma in Homeopathy		9	\$56,428	<5	\$22,299
Naturopathy	PC2657 Diploma in Naturopathy PC3099 Bachelor of Natural Medicine 3727 Advanced Diploma in Health Science (Naturopathy and Nutrition)		6	\$22,200	19	\$83,805

¹ Not offered in 2019

² Includes any course related to Tuina due to the way in which these were reported by the provider

Osteopathy	CA2299 Master of Osteopathy	008791 Anatomy Osteopathic Practice 1 011472 Introduction to Osteopathy 011518 Anatomy Osteopathic Practice 2 011625 Osteopathic Practice 1-SemA 011626 Osteopathic Practice 1-SemB 011629 Osteopathic Theory 1 BMSH503 Introduction to Osteopathy	16	\$22,894	14	\$12,362
Yoga	PC9266 Diploma of Yoga		<5	\$30,075	<5	\$12,270
Ayurveda			0	-	0	-
Holistic pulsing			0	-	0	-
Homeobotanical Therapy			0	-	0	-