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Dear Mr Body

**Re Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 1 February 2014 requesting the following information:

- 1. The total number of hemipelvectomies performed by the ADHB over the last 5 years and (i) the total cost of those surgeries and (ii) the total rehabilitation costs to date associated with those surgeries.**

There were three surgeries performed in the last 5 years. The total cost of the hospital stays during which these surgeries took place was \$344,000. Rehabilitation costs are not available.

- 2. The total number of pelvic restoration surgeries performed by the ADHB over the last 5 years (for example due to osteosarcoma, motor vehicle accident trauma and the like) where those surgeries used custom implants and (i) the total cost of those surgeries and (ii) the total cost of the custom implants used in those surgeries.**

There were two surgeries performed in the last 5 years. Clinical coding does not differentiate whether these were custom implants or standard implants. The total cost of the hospital stays during which these surgeries took place was \$216,000. The ICD clinical codes used here only cover malignancy of soft tissue that affects the pelvis to the degree that we have to perform an en block resection. The cost of custom implants is not available in this data.

3. The total number of (i) spinal fusions and (ii) spinal fusions using anterior lumbar inter-body fusion (ALIF) devices for each of the last 5 years by the ADHB and (iii) the total cost of those surgeries for each year and (iv) the total cost of the ALIF devices for each year.

Spinal fusions

Year	Number	Total cost
2009	194	\$ 8,790,434.43
2010	187	\$ 8,864,201.63
2011	223	\$ 8,891,398.66
2012	208	\$ 9,744,401.60
2013	229	Costs for full year not available yet

Spinal fusions using ALIF devices

Year	Number	Total cost
2009	63	\$ 2,579,725
2010	46	\$ 1,841,270
2011	52	\$ 1,661,480
2012	46	\$ 1,965,237
2013	45	Costs for full year not available yet

The cost of ALIF devices is not available in this data.

Yours faithfully



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**Chief Executive**