

15 May 2014

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Ref: H201401538

Dear Mr Walford

Response to your requests for official information

Thank you for your requests for official information, received by ACC and the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 14 April 2014.

ACC wrote to you on the 22 April 2014, to advise that your request to ACC was being transferred to the National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO), who manages the funding of Emergency Ambulance Services for ACC and the Ministry.

NASO has collated the information requested from both organisations and this is attached to this letter.

Your request to the Ministry was as follows (the request to ACC was for the equivalent ACC information):

“Dear Ministry of Health

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:

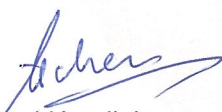
- 1. What was the MoH funding to Wellington Free Ambulance Group (Wellington Free Ambulance Service Inc, Wellington Free Ambulance Trust, WFA Alarms Ltd) for the years (y/e) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 (if possible).*
- 2. Was this funding to Wellington Free Ambulance paid in bulk funding, contract or was a portion paid for special projects? If there were special projects, what was each of the special projects and what was the funding for these for each of the seven years stated above?*
- 3. How and when is the funding from MoH paid to Wellington Free Ambulance Group (monthly, 6-monthly, yearly etc). Is MoH funding a prepayment of an accrual?*

Yours faithfully,

Ian Walford”

I have shared this OIA response with Wellington Free Ambulance for their information. If you would like further information, please contact Joy Cooper on 04 816 3364 or email joy_cooper@moh.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely


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Attachment - ACC and Ministry funding for Wellington Free Ambulance (Response to OIA request from Mr Walford)

1. *What was the MoH/ACC funding to Wellington Free Ambulance Group (Wellington Free Ambulance Service Inc, Wellington Free Ambulance Trust, WFA Alarms Ltd) for the years (y/e) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 (if possible)*

\$000s	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 ¹
ACC	4,749	4,906	4,331	4,455	4,760	5,043	See note ²
Ministry of Health	4,489	5,106	5,866	6,386	6,510	7,353	7,103

Note: Total may differ slightly from the sum of the break down on the following page, due to rounding.

2. *Was this funding to Wellington Free Ambulance paid in bulk funding, contract or was a portion paid for special projects? If there were special projects, what was each of the special projects and what was the funding for these for each of the seven years stated above?*

Emergency Road Ambulance Services (ERAS) are funded separately by ACC and the Ministry.

- ACC pays a fee for services, per claimant transported
- The Ministry pays a fixed amount of funding

The Ministry has also provided additional funding for other services. The following table shows a breakdown of this funding for each service:

¹ Ministry funding amounts for 2013/14 are estimates, based on the contracts in place.

² ACC funding is Fee for Service and therefore the total for 2013/14 is unavailable

Ministry funding, by service \$000s	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 ³
Emergency Road Ambulance Services (ERAS) ⁴	4,187	4,725	4,902	4,985	5,957	6,936	7,008
Emergency Air Ambulance Services (EAAS)	See Note 5	79	86	87	105	86	See Note 6
Additional Paramedics		771		700	See Note 7		
Urban Demand/Word Cup				340	340	See Note 7	
Training Subsidies – Basic Life Support Volunteers			50	50	53	60	30
Training Subsidies – Extended Care Paramedics							30
Support for transition of Waitarapa services						216	See Note 8
Support for cost pressures following Earthquakes				140			
Grant for equipment			30				
Non-Emergency Transport	303	303	See Note 6				
Capability for Major Health Emergencies			27	83	55	55	35

³ Ministry funding amounts for 2013/14 are estimates, based on the contracts in place.

⁴ The ERAS figures provided here separate out the funding between ERAS and EAAS, based on information provided by WFA since 2008/09. The Ministry provided fixed funding for Emergency Ambulance Services (including ERAS and EAAS) until 1 April 2013. The 2007/8 figure is not separated for EAAS and ERAS as this information is not held by The Ministry.

⁵ The 2007/08 Ministry figure for ERAS includes funding for EAAS.

⁶ WFA is no longer funded for this service by the Ministry

⁷ Ongoing funding included in ERAS amount

⁸ One off funding

3. How and when is the funding from **MoH/ACC** paid to *Wellington Free Ambulance Group* (monthly, 6-monthly, yearly etc). Is **MoH/ACC** funding a prepayment of an accrual?

ACC receives electronic invoices from WFA following the delivery of services. Where cover is accepted by ACC, payment is made within 12 days of receiving a complete and accurate invoice.

The Ministry pays for most services quarterly, on the 20th day of the first month in each quarter. Exceptions to this are:

- Training Subsidies which are paid by the 20th day following the month invoices are received for services delivered, and
- Capability for Major Health Emergencies which is paid quarterly on the 20th day of the month following each quarter.