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Dear Ms Vitz

Re: Official Information Act Request # 2430

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 16 June 2022 in which you specifically requested the following:

I would like to request the following information for each of the DHBs in New Zealand, split by DHB.

1. The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 to May YTD	Forecast to June 2022
Outsourced cases	780	964	1179	1,560	1,461	1,596

2. For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.

Please refer to the table below.

					May-22 YTD	12 mth Extrapolation
Count of admitno	Column L					
Row Labels	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22
Breast Care			5	10	2	1
Cardiothoracic	13	14	33	10	10	11
E.N.T	19	44	10	131	66	72
ENT Surgical	2	5	3	12	20	22
General Surgery	63	60	15	49	51	56
Gynaecology	5	14	68	79	63	69
Maxillofacial Surgery		7	16	35	30	33
Minor Surgical		1	1			0
Neurosurgery	10	20	7	23	12	13
Ophthalmology	218	410	549	659	520	567
Orthopaedic Surgery	127	100	88	109	172	188
Orthopaedics	99	122	112	167	129	141
Plastic Surgery	28	40	41	42	110	120
Spec Paediatric Surg			17			0
Surgical Services	31	47	102	90	72	79
Urology	165	75	107	152	204	223
Urology Diagnostic					1	1
Grand Total	780	964	1,179	1,560	1,461	1,596

3. For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.

Southern DHB outsourcing expenditure					
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (11 months)	2022 (extrapolated)
\$5,019,802	\$7,176,078	\$7,385,063	\$10,541,060	\$12,126,706	\$13,229,133

4. For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced.

Due to the complex nature of pricing an operation, which includes many variables and is affected by the DHB's economies of scale, we're not able to confidently provide you with an accurate answer to this question.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely



Chris Fleming
Chief Executive Officer