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Tēnā koe John

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Thank you for your email on 3 March 2023, asking for “*details of all fees and reimbursements paid to past and present Board members, by Board member, on a monthly basis, between 1 July 2022 and 28 February 2023*”.

Please find attached the information you have requested. I apologise for the delay in providing our response. The time taken is not what we aspire to in order to meet our obligations for responding to information requests. This is something we are working to get on top of, in the context of being a new organisation and dealing with a high volume of requests (given understandable high public interest in our work).

For context, Te Whatu Ora is a new entity which amalgamates 20 district health boards, 7 shared services agencies, Te Hiringa Hauora and a number of functions formerly part of Manatū Hauora. The DHBs had around 215 Board members, costing approximately \$6 million each year in fees.

Te Whatu Ora pays its Board members consistent with the terms of their appointment. The board fees set by the Minister of Health are a daily rate of \$2500 for the role of Chair and a daily rate of \$1750 for the role of Board member. Board members work different hours each month depending on the workload required, which is reflected in the different fees amounts paid to different Board members. As a new entity, with significant amalgamation and transformation work to undertake, the initial workload for our Board is also higher than we expect long term.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz. If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may also proactively release a copy of this response on our website.

Again, my apologies for the delay in providing this response. I hope the information is useful to you.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Peter Alsop
Chief of Staff

Appendix 1.

Monthly payments for fees each board member (the table should be read in combination with the notes further below)

	Hon Amy Adams	Rob Campbell	Dr Curtis Walker	Dame Dr Karen Poutasi	Naomi Ferguson	Tipa Mahuta	Vanessa Stoddart	Dr Jeff Lowe
Jul-22	\$4,684.90	\$38,750.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	N/A	\$3,007.80	\$6,015.00	N/A
Aug-22	\$8,108.33	\$41,562.50	\$5,250.00	\$11,375.00		\$0.00	\$10,500.00	
Sep-22	\$6,219.79	\$35,000.00	\$4,375.00	\$7,000.00		\$1,148.44	\$8750.00	
Oct-22	\$7,288.03	\$0.00	\$3,062.50	\$6,125.00	\$16,187.50	\$1,640.62	\$4,046.87	N/A
Nov-22	\$6,832.29		\$4,812.50	\$7,437.50	\$11,375.00	\$3,007.81	\$7,437.50	\$5,250.00
Dec-22	\$7,211.46		\$1,758.75	\$7,000.00	\$8,312.50	\$1,750.00	\$2,187.50	\$10,062.50
Jan-23	\$4,633.87		\$2,187.50	\$6,125.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$6,125.00	\$6,343.75
Feb-23	\$7,393.55		\$2,187.50	\$0.00	\$6,816.25	\$1,750.00	\$6,235.00	\$4,593.75

Monthly payments for expenses for each Board member (the table should be read in combination with the notes further below)

	Hon Amy Adams	Rob Campbell	Dr Curtis Walker	Dame Dr Karen Poutasi	Naomi Ferguson	Tipa Mahuta	Vanessa Stoddart	Dr Jeff Lowe
Jul-22	\$99.00	\$114.18	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A
Aug-22	\$256.50	\$198.09	\$0	\$174.52		\$0	\$0	
Sep-22	\$127.80	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Oct-22	\$0	\$51.31	\$0	\$0	\$232.25	\$0	\$0	N/A
Nov-22	\$92.70	\$473.57	\$0	\$232.00	\$16.50	\$107.25	\$0	\$0
Dec-22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$107.25	\$0	\$0
Jan-23	\$471.42	\$267.83	\$111.45 excl. gst	\$0	\$0	\$127.25	\$0	\$0
Feb-23	931.62	\$417.39	\$49.48 excl. gst	\$0	\$0	\$107.25	\$0	\$0

When considering the tables in Appendix 1 above, please note:

- As per your request, information has been collated between the time frame 1 July 2022 and 28 February 2023, the date of your request.
- The amounts in the table relate to the amount paid for each month (and, for the avoidance of doubt, do not relate to when an invoice was received).
- Each member is responsible for recording their hours and submitting their own invoices and expense claims for payment.
- Board members work different hours each month depending on the workload required and differing roles and responsibilities.
- Unless otherwise stated below, the terms of Board members commenced on 1 July 2022.
- Naomi Ferguson was appointed to the Board of Te Whatu Ora on 29 September 2022.
- Dr Jeff Lowe was appointed to the Board of Te Whatu Ora on 1 November 2022.