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Tēnā koe Sam

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00027758

Thank you for your request that was transferred to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora on 10 August 2023 for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I please ask, under OIA, total number of permanent employees and total number of contractors currently working for the Office of the CE of Te Whatu Ora and in what sub groups. Please give a table with role levels i.e. how many Admin/coordinators, Advisors, Sr. Advisors, Principles/chief, managers/leads etc and whether they are permanent or temps.

I am also requesting the total cost spent on contractors in the same directorate/group between 1 Jan 2023 and 31 July 2023.

Response

I apologise for the delay in providing our response. The time taken is not what we aspire to. This is something we are working to get on top of as we deal with a high volume of requests and the understandably high public interest in our work.

Please refer to **Appendix One** which provides the number of permanent and contract staff at Health NZ for the period you requested and the roles they held.

In regard to your request for the total cost spent on contractors during the same period, Health NZ does not hold data on your request in a way that allows us to respond to your request. The hiring of contractors is managed by individual teams. Identifying the cost of contractors during this time would involve reviewing each individual contract and manually matching this against the financial records. Health NZ would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair Health NZ's ability to carry out our other core functions. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it requires substantial collation.

I have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable Health NZ to respond. I do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on our other operations.

Further information regarding the total cost spent on contractors or consultants during the 2022/2023 financial year can be found in Health Nz's responses to the standard Annual Review Questions:

https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCHEA_EVI_f7e5b552-deda-47b9-018e-08dc156e9ddc_HEA312/6e0653e240aebf1bee9a9606c6ccb58b2415ca07

Health NZ is the largest people organisation in the country, we employ over 90,000 people nationally.

The contingent workforce represents a very small part of our overall workforce.

The establishment of Health NZ in July 2022 was an amalgamation of 20 district health boards and eight shared service agencies.

We are implementing a new organisational structure that unifies and simplifies the health system. As the change process progresses and we start making permanent appointments, our use of contractors will reduce.

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

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@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, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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