

Reference: 20260264

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Dear John

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, which was partially transferred to the Treasury from Crown Law on 10 April 2026. The request was for:

1. Total Legal Costs to Date

The total legal costs incurred by Crown Law in relation to proceedings:

CIV-2024-404-845 – Whittome v Director-General of Health: common bundle

This should include, but not be limited to:

- External counsel fees (if applicable)*
- Internal Crown Law time/costings*
- Disbursements (including expert reports, court filing fees, document management, and preparation of the common bundle)*

2. Breakdown of Costs

A breakdown of the above costs, to the extent held, including:

- Costs attributable to preparation of the common bundle*
- Counsel vs solicitor time*
- Any third-party/vendor costs*

3. Budgeting / Estimates

Any internal budgets, estimates, or cost projections prepared for this proceeding.

4. Funding Source

Confirmation of the appropriation or funding source used to meet these legal costs.

5. Ongoing / Forecast Costs

Any current estimates of anticipated future legal costs for this proceeding.

Confirmation of the appropriation or funding source used to meet these legal costs.

The portion transferred to the Treasury was as follows

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Response

The costs that Treasury paid to Crown Law in relation to this matter were funded from within the Treasury's baseline.

This reply addresses the information you requested. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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