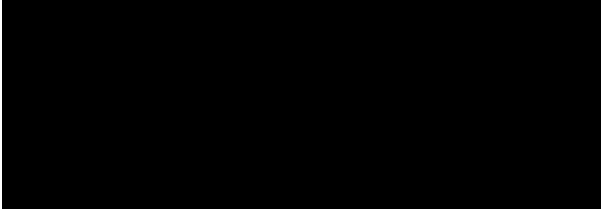


12 July 2022



Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Te Whatu Ora Taranaki to your OIA request of 16 June 2022. You have requested the following information:

With respect, please provide the following figures related to bowel screening procedures, including colonoscopy and CT colonography:

The first figure is the external cost of bowel screening procedures in the three years BEFORE your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. In those same years, please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).

The second figures is the external cost of bowel screening procedures every year AFTER your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. Please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).

Please provide these figures by financial year, as a single dollar amount, excluding GST. If this work is covered within existing external contracts, please estimate the annual cost.

Te Whatu Ora Taranaki (previously Taranaki DHB) cannot supply completely accurate data due to the way our information is collected.

However, we can confirm that Te Whatu Ora Taranaki joined the national bowel screening programme as of 3 August 2021.

Prior to and after this date a number of CT colonographies have been performed by a private provider in Taranaki as of 2019.

Please note, the information provided has been sent to us by the private provider, and can be found in the appendix.

I trust this information answers your OIA request.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Te Whatu Ora Taranaki (www.tdhb.org.nz) website no less than one week after the response has been provided to you. Any personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online.

Te Whatu Ora Taranaki will endeavour to resolve any concerns you should raise but, subject to any legal grounds for withholding, ultimately reserves the right to publish any information.

Kind regards



Katy Sheffield
Acting Chief Operating Officer
Taranaki District

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Appendix

| Financial Year | Number of CT Colonography | Total Cost (excluding GST) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2018/2019 | 0 | - |
| 2019/2020 | 5 | 5238.32 |
| 2021/2022 (to 3 August 2021) | 23 | 24,411.42 |
| 2021/2022 (from 3 August 2021) | 5 | 5,770.48 |
| 2022/2023 | 7 | 8,100.00 |