

16 July 2019



Dear 

Re: OIA request - Total funding required for termination of pregnancy services

Thank you for your Official Information Act request on funding for termination of pregnancy services, which was partially transferred from the Ministry of Health to district health boards (DHBs) on 28 June 2019.

DHBs have been requested by the Ministry of Health to provide a response to your question regarding *“the total funding required for the provision of termination of pregnancy services in New Zealand in the previous year”* [prior to Budget 19 for 2019/20 financial year]. I can provide you with information for Waitematā, Auckland and Counties Manukau District Health Boards.

Funding for “termination of pregnancy” services in the 2018/2019 financial year for women domiciled in each of the three metropolitan DHBs is provided below.

- Waitematā DHB spent \$1,572,839 on termination of pregnancy services.
- Auckland DHB spent \$1,353,084 on termination of pregnancy services.
- Counties Manukau DHB spent \$1,763,029 on termination of pregnancy services.

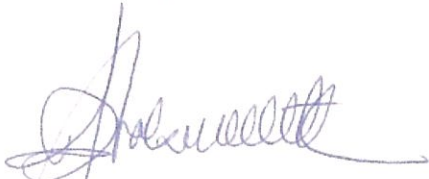
In addition, some second trimester medical terminations are provided by the DHBs’ Gynaecology Services. We are unable to provide you with specific information on the amount spent within these services as funding is not allocated to specific procedures; rather a pool of funding is allocated to services across a range of gynaecological procedures.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. The metropolitan Auckland DHBs, like other agencies across the state sector, support the open disclosure of information to assist the public’s understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our websites from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Holdsworth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Debbie Holdsworth
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