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Tēnā koe Anthony

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-006788

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2020, asking for the following information, relating to the External Medical Panel (EMP), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Expenses per Panel Hearing including Airfares, Taxi and Travel costs from March 2018 to date
- Expenses per Panel Hearing for Meals from March 2018 to date
- Expenses per Panel Hearing for Accommodation (day or overnight) from March 2018 to date
- Expenses per Panel Hearing for Fees (Collectively) Invoiced by Panel Members from March 2018 to date

External Medical Panel

In November 2018, the EMP was disestablished, as part of wider changes within the Clinical Services Directorate. For this reason, the figures below are from 2 March 2018 to 9 November 2018, as there were no further expenses incurred after this date.

EMP costs

The table below shows the cost (excluding GST) for EMP members’ airfares and travel, per hearing, between 2 March to 9 November 2018. Please note, there were no hearings held in April 2018.

EMP hearings in 2018	Airfares \$	Travel costs \$	Meals \$	Fees \$
2 March	1,274	480	151	10,395
23 March	1,413	594	151	10,395
April	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4 May	1,156	536	151	10,395
1 June	1,165	500	158	10,395
29 June	1,085	261	158	10,395
27 July	1,411	557	158	10,582
31 August	1,318	494	158	10,613
28 September	979	295	158	10,395
19 October	1,030	361	158	11,109
9 November	1,006	274	158	10,391

Travel costs include mileage and airport parking fees.

We have not provided taxi costs, as taxi charges are bulk invoiced by the companies. To provide this information would require manually reviewing all invoices from that period and locating the name of the company and the associated charge. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would involve substantial manual collation and research.

There were no accommodation costs incurred.

Who to contact

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.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.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasha Wood', written in a cursive style.

Sasha Wood

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