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Brooke Willis

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Dear Ms Willis

**Re: Official Information Act Request 2123**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received 6 April 2021 in which you specifically requested the following:

**Information Requested:**

**1. How much did it cost to fence and board up a) the old Southland Hospital Building b) the old Southland Obstetrics and Gynae Building, what was the original budget, and how many tenders were received for this work?**

Costs for fencing and boarding to date are \$69,183. The original budget was \$72,182. We engaged panel contractors to undertake the work.

**1a. How many breaks into both buildings had occurred in the previous four years, and how much did these break ins cost the SDHB?**

There were 92 break-ins documented in the past four years. The recognised physical remediation costs were \$16,226, based on labour of internal staff, external contractors, and materials. These costs were for the work undertaken by the Southern DHB Facilities team only and exclude the costs of other Southern DHB employees and the NZ Police.

**2. How much has been spent on refurbishing Wakari Hospital main block floors 1-3 in the last four years in total (by end of year breakdown), and what was the original budget?**

- The Audiology Department relocation work was completed in June 2017. The final cost was \$1,367,050. The original budget was \$1,196,514. There were variations to the original works which resulted in the final cost being higher than the original budget.
- The Breast-feeding room construction refurbishment was completed in November 2020. The final cost of construction refurbishment was \$14,437. The original budget was \$20,000.

- The relocation of the offices for the Finance and Information Technology teams is almost complete. The construction costs to date are \$100,362 and the original budget was \$300,000.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fleming', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Fleming  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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