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Tēnā koe Helen

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00048150

Thank you for your email on 15 May 2024, extended 12 June 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

What is the current budget per person for hospital meals?

Response

Health NZ does not budget meals on a cost per patient basis. To adequately respond to your request would require us to calculate this based on total costs/budgets and patients over a set period. Due to the substantial nature of this exercise, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, substantial collation and research.

While not exactly what asked, we hope you find the following breakdown of last financial year's total budget for meals per hospital helpful:

District	Hospital	Patient Meals (\$)
Northland	Whangarei	4,306,325
Waitemata	North Shore	7,559,217
Auckland	Auckland City	15,016,782
Counties Manukau	Middlemore	11,138,111
Waikato	Waikato	3,770,000
MidCentral	Palmerston North	4,997,225
Capital and Coast	Wellington	9,164,107
Canterbury	Christchurch	7,046,433
Southern	Dunedin	4,988,476
Southern	Invercargill	2,071,048
	Total	70,057,724

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.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.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Auxilia Nyangoni

Acting Chief Financial Officer

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