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Dear John

**Re: Official Information Act request – car-parking revenue**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received by the Ministry of Health on 14 October and subsequently transferred to Waitemata District Health Board (DHB) on 28 October.

For context, please note that Waitemata is the largest DHB in the country in terms of resident population and population growth.

In order to meet the demands of our patients and their families, Waitemata DHB took out a loan to construct a new multi-storey parking building on the North Shore site, which opened in late 2011.

The DHB incurs interest costs and principal repayments, plus absorbs the costs of running the services.

Currently, this car park building is nearing capacity and the DHB is in the process of planning for future growth in this area as demand for parking continues to increase.

Responses to your specific questions are provided below.

- *Do they obtain any revenue directly or indirectly from car parking charges?*

Yes, Waitemata DHB directly receives revenue from car parking charges and these funds are used to support the costs of providing these facilities.

- *When they began receiving any such revenues?*

Waitemata DHB has had paid parking in place for more than six years. Paid parking for staff was introduced in late 2011 once the multi-storey car park construction was completed at North Shore Hospital.

- *The amount of money received each year in car parking charges*

Waitemata DHB does not split the revenue between our hospital sites. Accordingly, the revenue set out in the table below is the aggregated revenue since the 2007/08 financial year.

		From Public	From Staff	Total Revenue
2007-08		\$447,804	\$0	\$447,804
2008-09		\$439,309	\$0	\$439,309
2009-10		\$463,293	\$0	\$463,293
2010-11		\$868,150	\$0	\$868,150
2011-12		\$2,268,521	\$772,559	\$3,041,081
2012-13		\$2,624,910	\$1,351,547	\$3,976,456
2013-14		\$3,260,637	\$1,450,360	\$4,710,996
2014-15		\$3,246,243	\$1,479,714	\$4,725,957
2015-16	YTD Oct-15	\$1,158,577	\$521,355	\$1,679,931

- *If the charges are levied against members of the public and/or if staff are expected to pay too?*

Waitemata DHB levies charges to both the public and staff.

- *If there are any exemptions or limits to the charges imposed at each site?*

All spaces require payment. However, we do not charge the following vehicles:

- Ambulances
- Emergency response vehicles
- Police
- Corrections
- Delivery vehicles
- Couriers
- Funeral directors
- Diplomatic Service vehicles conveying dignitaries
- Removal vehicles engaged in the relocation of offices
- Vehicles engaged in health promotion or health screening services to staff or public
- Contracted Taxis
- Tow Trucks

Please note that we allow a 30-minute grace period, resulting in around half of all vehicles entering our hospital sites without payment.

In addition, staff have discretion to provide free parking to the financially vulnerable and those required to make frequent trips to visit friends or relatives undergoing treatment.

I trust this information will satisfy your request.

Yours sincerely

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