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Dear H Hutchinson

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received by the Ministry of Health on 7 November 2016. You requested:

“Can the Ministry of Health provide their intended definition of what “efficiencies” and “efficiency gains” are in the context of DHB spending and also the letter of expectation titled “living within our means”?

In terms of each DHB in Aotearoa/New Zealand for each financial year from 2011 to 2016:

- 1 - Please provide the total monetary value of the “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” carried out by the DHB.*
- 2 - Please provide a list of all DHB funded services and/or contracted services who have been subject to “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” from 2011 to 2016.*
- 3 - What is the monetary value to the “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” subjected to each service listed in Question 1 & 2?*
- 4 - What previously DHB funded services/contracted services have been stopped as result of “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” from one financial year to the next?*
- 5 - Please provide any and all social impact assessments completed in the decision making process around the “efficiency gains” referred to in the previous Questions 1-4”.*

Please find the information being released by the Ministry attached.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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Definition – Efficiency Gains

An efficiency gain is where a service continues to be delivered by a DHB at a lesser cost. When developing their annual budgets and through the year, DHBs often look at where efficiencies can be made within services. The amount of efficiency gains can differ between years depending on services reviewed.

Letters of Expectation

The Minister of Health's DHB Letter of Expectation is a public document available with each DHB's Annual Plan and can be located on each DHB's website.

Specific information you have requested

1. Efficiency Gains Made by DHBs from 2011 to 2016

DHB Efficiency Savings

| DHB Region | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Auckland DHB | 17,715 | 32,102 | 38,884 | 39,525 | 25,167 |
| Counties Manukau DHB | 7,130 | 6,300 | 25,320 | 19,093 | 20,744 |
| Northland DHB | 610 | 848 | 2,637 | 2,668 | 2,482 |
| Waitemata DHB | 19,711 | 11,290 | 16,900 | 5,939 | 3,872 |
| Northern Region Total | 45,166 | 50,540 | 83,741 | 67,225 | 52,265 |
| Bay of Plenty DHB | 3,151 | 5,723 | 2,704 | 3,800 | 531 |
| Lakes DHB | 3,059 | 4,693 | 5,472 | 2,559 | 3,319 |
| Tairāwhiti DHB | 1,448 | 1,125 | 1,675 | 962 | 1,643 |
| Taranaki DHB | 498 | 1,998 | 2,743 | 1,891 | 2,100 |
| Waikato DHB | 21,155 | 15,281 | 16,173 | 1,287 | 6,235 |
| Midland Region Total | 29,311 | 28,820 | 28,767 | 10,499 | 13,827 |
| Capital & Coast DHB | 33,213 | 18,467 | 44,967 | 10,289 | 17,847 |
| Hawke's Bay DHB | 2,594 | 8,906 | 15,500 | 3,567 | 7,949 |
| Hutt Valley DHB | 5,598 | 7,979 | 13,211 | 3,499 | 4,412 |
| MidCentral DHB | 684 | 564 | 3,752 | 0 | 3,743 |
| Wairarapa DHB | 1,673 | 1,421 | 3,472 | 959 | 775 |
| Whanganui DHB | 3,232 | 1,727 | 2,563 | 849 | (2) |
| Central Region Total | 46,994 | 39,064 | 83,465 | 19,164 | 34,723 |
| Canterbury DHB | 0 | 0 | 1,231 | 15,056 | 14,361 |
| Nelson Marlborough DHB | 7,057 | 0 | 8,934 | 0 | 0 |
| South Canterbury DHB | 359 | 611 | 200 | 28 | 0 |
| Southern DHB | 2,783 | 1,959 | 11,825 | 1,853 | 10,038 |
| West Coast DHB | 1,532 | 557 | 1,194 | 1,331 | 1,064 |
| Southern Region Total | 11,730 | 3,127 | 23,384 | 18,268 | 25,463 |
| All DHBs | 133,202 | 121,551 | 219,358 | 115,155 | 126,278 |

2. The Ministry of Health does not hold information of all DHB funded services and/or contracted services who have been subject to “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” from 2011 to 2016. This information is held by individual DHBs.
3. Refer to answer 1 for the monetary value to the “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” subjected to each service listed in question 1 & 2.
4. The Ministry of Health does not hold any information as to what previously DHB funded services/contracted services have been stopped as a result of “efficiencies” or “efficiency gains” from one financial year to the next.
5. The Ministry of Health does not hold any information on any and all social impact assessments completed in the decision making process around the “efficiency gains” referred to in the previous questions 1 – 4.

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