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Acclaim Otago

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Dear Acclaim Otago

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

the total amounts paid to each the 14-member panel discussing new assessment processes for jobseeker support, formerly known as the sickness benefit

please also include and meeting fees and/or consultancy fees paid to any of these 14 members in the past 3 years.

As part of the Government's programme of welfare reform, an expert Health and Disability Panel was established to provide the Ministry of Social Development with advice on ways to strengthen employment assessments and services for people who are sick or disabled, and determine what the right obligation is for each person, depending on their capacity.

The 14 member Health and Disability Panel represented a balance of skills, representation of professional and stakeholder groups, and a gender and ethnic balance. It covered general practice, District Health Board staff, academics and included representation from a major organisations such as the New Zealand Medical Association and Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.

The Panel also used specialist expertise from relevant government agencies (the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development, Office for Disability Issues and ACC) and key staff from these agencies have been invited to participate in Panel discussions.

I have attached a table which includes the total amounts paid to the fourteen Panel members.

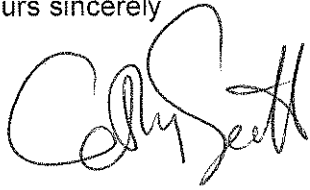
Please note, the differences in fees paid relate to the distance and time it took for the Panel members to travel to meetings, number of meetings attended, whether or not the Panel member's employer required any payment, or viewed their attendance as part of their organisation's expected role.

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I hope you find this information about the Health and Disability Panel helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Scott'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Cathy' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Scott'.

Cathy Scott
Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Social Policy and Knowledge

Total fees paid - Health and Disability Panel

Panel members	Total paid	Meetings attended
Geoff Robinson	\$1,950	4
Dr David Beaumont	\$7,384	7
Dr David Chaplow	\$0	4
Dr Ben Gray	\$3,250	4
Dr Sandra Hicks	\$1,437	2
Robyn Hunt	\$2,150	4
Dr Bryn Jones	\$7,625	7
Helen Lockett	\$596	7
Prof Kathryn McPherson	\$7,283	7
Janice Mueller	\$3,144	3
Dr Tāne Taylor	\$3,834	4
Charmeyne Te Nana-Williams	\$2,776	3
Pati Umaga	\$5,122	5
Roy Wilson	\$3,131	4