

14 July 2022

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Your Official Information Act Request – Bowel Screening

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2022, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

#### Request

Could I please have the following information. Please provide these figures by financial year, as a single dollar amount, excluding GST. If this work is covered within existing external contracts, please estimate the annual cost.

1. External cost of bowel screening \*procedures\* in the three years BEFORE your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. In those same years, please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).

<b>*Outsourced Screening Investigations for Bowel Cancer</b>		
Financial Year	\$	No. of Procedures
2019/20	175,467.31	113**
2020/21	2,434,508.01	1573**
2021/22 (Jul 21 to April 22)	2,815,451.96	1744

\* Includes colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy only. CT Colonoscopy not outsourced.

\*\* This is an estimated number based on the average cost of a procedure

2. External cost of bowel screening \*procedures\* every year AFTER your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. Please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).

<b>*Outsourced Screening Investigations for Bowel Cancer</b>		
Financial Year	\$	No. of Procedures
2021/22 (May 22 to Jun 22)	684,099.00	462

\*Includes colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy only. CT Colonoscopy not outsourced.

- Note: (a) Financial years cover 1 July to 30 June.  
(b) Accurate procedure numbers are only available for the most recent financial year.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [oa.request@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:oa.request@bopdhb.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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