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Tēnā koe T Barnett,

Your Official Information Act request, reference: HNZ00008529

Thank you for your email of 8 December 2022, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Under the OIA, I request a copy of the following: Total cost to the taxpayer for the Equity in Health Conference in Auckland (28 - 29 Nov 2022) Via direct or indirect (funding provided to contracted services that had staff attend eg NGO/Te Whatu Ora, Te Aka Whai Ora,) health funding from the ministry of health including ticket cost, accommodation/transport/wages of public healthcare professionals (regulated/nonregulated) that attended or spoke”.

Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand understand that the Equity Health Conference in Auckland was not sponsored or organised by Te Toka Tumai Auckland (Auckland District). Although there were speakers from Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand in attendance, the Equity Health Conference (EHC) was a privately organised event. Therefore, we have no records of costs or attendance at this event. Doctors and nurses who attended may have paid for their attendance out of their own private funds or used funds from their Medical Education fund.

Therefore, your request is refused under 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by Te Whatu Ora and we have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown or agency.

How to get in contact

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.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.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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