5 June 2018



Dear

Official Information Request

Our Ref: 2018/077

I refer to your official information request received on 14 May 2018 for:

 How many full-time equivalent staff, and how many individual staff total, worked on the review into former DHB CE Nigel Murray?

On 10 November 2017, the State Services Commissioner announced the appointment of Mr John Ombler QSO to investigate allegations of wrongful expenditure of public money by former Waikato District Health Board Chief Executive.

The total cost of the investigation was \$174,466.81. This cost includes the costs associated with the independent investigator and any external advice, including legal advice, that he relied on.

Support from the State Services Commission to inquiries undertaken by independent investigators is provided on an as required basis. As a result it is not possible to identify the number of full-time equivalent or individual staff involved in the work associated with the investigation into Dr Murray or the publication of the associated report.

Further information on the Inquiry can be found at: <a href="http://www.ssc.govt.nz/waikato-dhb-investigation-findings">http://www.ssc.govt.nz/waikato-dhb-investigation-findings</a>

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact <u>Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz</u>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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