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Official Information Request HN200028950

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request dated 19 August 2023 relating to the cost of COVID-19 testing venue at Balmoral, Auckland. Specifically:

I am looking to find the details regarding the Covid 19 Testing venue that was set up in Balmoral (Corner of Balmoral Road and Dominion Rd), Auckland. I think it was set up in 2020.

Please send through details on:

- * The lease terms for the rental of the space used including rental charged, the landlord and if other costs were incurred.*
- * The length of time the contract has left to run for the space*
- * How many people were tested/treated at the station*
- * The cost of operating the venue including staffing, overheads and other costs*

Response

We have information regarding a COVID-19 testing site that was provided in Balmoral at 182 Balmoral Road, Mt Eden. This was operated under a contract between Whanau Ora Community Clinic Ltd and the Northern Region Health Coordinating Committee (NRHCC). Whanau Ora Community Clinic Ltd was contracted to provide Community Testing Centre services. The contract stopped at the end of December 2022.

- 1) *The lease terms for the rental of the space used including rental charged, the landlord and if other costs were incurred.*

The Balmoral COVID-19 testing site was provided for use free of charge. Therefore, there are no lease terms, rental charges or cost information held. We are unable to fulfil this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

- 2) *The length of time the contract has left to run for the space*

We interpret contract as lease. As there was no lease we are unable to fulfill this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

- 3) *How many people were tested/treated at the station*

We are unable to fulfil this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

We have information for the number of tests processed. The site processed 5,608 PCR tests and 588,079 RATs during 1/07/2022 – 30/06/2023.

4) *The cost of operating the venue including staffing, overheads and other costs*

The NRHCC operating expenditure on the Community Testing Centre at 182 Balmoral Road, Mt Eden was \$685,402 from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and \$353,497 from 1 July 2022 to 30 Jun 2023.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@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.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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