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**Your request for Official information, reference: HN200015489**

Thank you for your email on 3 April 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

*“1. Nationally, how RMO positions (across all specialties) within Te Whatu Ora, expressed as equivalent full FTE, are currently unfilled as of today, 2nd of April on a national level. Could this information be stratified by House Officer/Senior House Officer/Registrar.*

*2. What is the total gross dollar figure that has been paid out as additional duties to cover roster vacancies, not including the payment of cross-cover, over the financial year 2022-2023.”*

We have interpreted the request as position vacancies rather than shift vacancies. Some regions have advised that for question 2, additional duty payments cover all types of roster vacancies not just those of position vacancies. This includes instances where someone may cover additional duties because a Resident Medical Officer (RMO) has called in sick, or leave was granted for some other reason in excess of reliever capacity.

Please find a response to each part of your request per district.

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As at 2 April 2023, Below is the table that shows Te Whatu Ora districts and their respective RMO position vacancies (across all specialties):

District	House Officers	Senior House Officers	Registrars	Fellows/Dental Officer
Auckland	10	-	38.21	2
Bay of Plenty	1	1	9.5	-
Canterbury	8.5	-	15	-
Capital & Coast / Hutt Valley / Wairarapa	15	-	21	-
Counties Manukau	6	3	21.5	-
Hawke's Bay	2	-	10	-
Lakes	-	-	4	-
MidCentral	-	4	6	-
Nelson Marlborough	-	-	-	-
Northland	5	-	11.2	-

<b>South Canterbury</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Southern</b>	<b>9.4</b>	-	<b>18</b>	-
<b>Tairāwhiti</b>	<b>20.5</b>	-	<b>22.8</b>	-
<b>Taranaki</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Waikato</b>	<b>7.91</b>	-	<b>16.52</b>	-
<b>Waitematā</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>25.5</b>	-
<b>West Coast</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Whanganui</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	-

*“2. What is the total gross dollar figure that has been paid out as additional duties to cover roster vacancies, not including the payment of cross-cover, over the financial year 2022-2023.”*

Below table shows the total gross dollar figure that has been paid out as additional duties to cover roster vacancies over the financial year 2022-2023:

<b>Auckland</b>	\$8,781,955.53*
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>	\$1,169,244.31
<b>Canterbury</b>	\$1,044,579
<b>Capital &amp; Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa</b>	\$5,541,462.
<b>Hawke’s Bay</b>	\$2,046,502.63
<b>Lakes</b>	\$415,516.5
<b>MidCentral</b>	\$2,259,750
<b>Northland</b>	\$2,673,314.60
<b>South Canterbury</b>	\$37,050
<b>Southern</b>	\$7,093,485
<b>Tairāwhiti</b>	\$446,778
<b>Taranaki</b>	\$0
<b>Waikato</b>	\$4,467,105.18
<b>Waitematā</b>	\$4,052,077.72
<b>West Coast</b>	\$369,322
<b>Whanganui</b>	\$1,960,000


\*Please note that the total gross sum paid as additional duties to cover roster vacancies for RMOs at Te Toka Tumai Auckland from 1 July 2022 to 2 April 2023 is \$8,781,955.53.

We can report on additional duties paid, but there is no visibility of what the payment covers, i.e. vacancies, so we would have to check the records manually. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request for total amounts for Auckland, Counties Manukau and Nelson Marlborough under section 18(f) of the Act on the grounds that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

### **How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nz.OIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:h.nz.OIA@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](http://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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