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**Re: Official Information Act Request 1975**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 30 June 2020 in which you specifically requested the following:

- **How many anaesthetic technicians are employed by the DHB and for each technician please provide the following:**
  - their FTE,
  - their length of service as per their employment agreement, and
  - what step on the salary scale they are paid, and
  - what the salary for the step they are on is;

In accordance with s.9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, we are withholding the information on individual employees in order to protect their privacy. We can however provide the following aggregate information on Southern DHB's Anaesthetic Technician workforce.

There are 34 anaesthetic technicians employed by the DHB. Their FTE is noted as follows:

FTE	No of staff
Casual	7
<0.8	5
1	22

The length of service:	No of staff
< 2 year	4
2 years	3
3 years	3
4 years	4
>5 years <7 years	5
>10 years <15 years	6
> 15 years <20 years	6
> 20 years	3

Salary details:

Step	Salary \$	No of staff
1	53,335.00	2
2	58,002.00	4
3	62,671.00	2
4	67,337.00	2
5	72,005.00	2
6	75,078.00	4
7	77,330.00	8
8 and above	80,292.00	10

- **How much anaesthetic technician FTE is currently vacant at the DHB;**

Southern DHB currently has eight anaesthetic technician vacancies (6 Dunedin, 2 Invercargill).

- **The number of anaesthetic technician trainees currently employed at the DHB;**

Southern DHB currently has six trainees.

- **The number of Maori and Pacifica anaesthetic technicians and trainees (identified separately) are employed at the DHB.**

None of the anaesthetic technicians have identified themselves as either Maori or Pacifica.

- **Both the budget for and the actual amount of money spent by the DHB on professional development for anaesthetic technicians in the 12 months from 1 June 2019 to 1 June 2020;**

Professional development paid for 2019/2020 was \$29,370.67. Budget was \$17,960.

- **How much has been spent on locum and contractor anaesthetic technicians in the 12 months from 1 June 2019 to 1 June 2020. This will include all salary, wage or contractor fees as well as incidentals such as recruitment costs, travel and accommodation for such individuals.**

Locum costs for this period totalled \$459,324.14.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer