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Tēnā koe Rhys

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00029247

Thank you for your email on 30 August 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

The total amount estimated for repairs necessary to the Wairarapa Hospital relating to seismic defects.

The total cost break down already spent on the current court case involving the Wairarapa Hospital in the Wellington High Court. This includes, lawyer fees, travel, court fees and any any other relevant spending.

Any legal advice provided to Te Whatu Ora on the prospects of legal action against Masterton District Council.

The Wairarapa DHB spent \$293,279.77 plus GST on seismic securing remediating work in 2019-2020 in order to address defects in the Masterton Hospital building.

The further amount to rectify the defects has been estimated at \$89m plus GST. This estimate has been prepared by a quantity surveyor with experience in health projects. This cost is for a 4,100m² IL4 (IMPORTANCE LEVEL 4) Hospital to meet the health needs of the Wairarapa population.

To date the Wairarapa DHB has spent \$1,670,163.00 on legal advice and Te Whatu Ora another \$1,778,156.17 on legal fees and court costs since 1 July 2022, which comes to a total of \$3,448,319.17.

Legal advice provided to the former Wairarapa DHB and Te Whatu Ora is subject to legal professional privilege and therefore withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act.

How to get in touch

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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