

20 November 2020

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Dear ██████

Official information request W20-529

I refer to your official information request dated 23 October.

Request:

I would like to request, under the Official Information Act, information about non-resident debt.

1. What was the value of treatment provided to non-resident patients in each of the last five years and in 2020 as of October 1?
2. How much of that was paid in each of those years and how much was left owing?
3. How much has been written off in each of those years?
4. What was the largest bill racked up by a non-resident patient in that period and what was it for? If different, what was the largest un-paid bill in that period and what was it for?
5. Can you break the costs down by type of treatment?

Response:

The information you have requested is below.

Questions 1,2 and 3.

Year	Total Debt Incurred	How much has been Paid	Written-off	Still Owing
2015/16	\$14,221.31	\$13,777.95	\$443.36	\$0.00
2016/17	\$20,271.23	\$7,266.09	\$13,005.14	\$0.00
2017/18	\$17,333.38	\$10,905.70	\$6,427.68	\$0.00
2018/19	\$8,103.65	\$6,893.52	\$1,210.13	\$0.00
2019/20	\$12,775.22	\$9,488.75	\$0.00	\$3,286.47
2020/21 to 1 October	\$1,235.64	\$411.88	\$0.00	\$823.76
Amounts stated includes GST				

4. The largest bills incurred each year. We are unable to break down the costs by the type of treatment,

Top Bills for each year						
2015/16	\$5,045.20	Paid	Inpatient General Surgery			
2016/17	\$5,851.87	Paid	ED Attendance and Admission			
2017/18	\$6,427.68	Written-off	Radiology and Admission			
2018/19	\$1,643.01	Paid	Unknown			
2019/20	\$5,487.86	Paid	General Surgery Inpatient and Outpatient Attendance			

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely



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