

## Right to Information Decision – Public Disclosure Log

### Right to Information No.: RTI202021-014

#### Information Requested

The information requested:

1. The total amount spent on locums for each of Tasmania’s four major hospitals during financial year 2019-20, broken down by quarter.
2. The total amount spent on locums for each of Tasmania’s four major hospitals during July 2020.
3. Any correspondence, dated between 1 April 2020 and 10 August 2020, relating to the quarantine requirements of locums.
4. The total amount paid to locums for time spent in quarantine, broken down by region.

#### Decision

1. The total amount spent on locums for each of Tasmania’s four major hospitals during financial year 2019-20, broken down by quarter.

Facility	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	TOTAL
Royal Hobart Hospital	1 112 268	1 060 787	1 858 656	1 002 735	5 034 446
Launceston General Hospital	4 266 421	3 488 413	3 660 919	1 929 744	13 345 497
North West Regional Hospital	2 480 248	1 850 162	2 560 598	1 749 851	8 640 859
Mersey Community Hospital	1 761 573	1 392 093	1 861 030	1 630 814	6 645 510
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 620 510</b>	<b>7 791 455</b>	<b>9 941 203</b>	<b>6 313 143</b>	<b>33 666 312</b>

2. The total amount spent on locums for each of Tasmania’s four major hospitals during July 2020.

Facility	July 2020
	\$
Launceston General Hospital	939 492
Mersey Community Hospital	396 810
North West Regional Hospital	657 674
Royal Hobart Hospital	479 225
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 473 203</b>

3. Any correspondence, dated between 1 April 2020 and 10 August 2020, relating to the quarantine requirements of locums.

Locums arriving into Tasmania state were treated no differently to any other person arriving in the State. The process to be followed is as per information made available on the governments COVID website. The relevant information is under the heading 'Essential Travellers'.

4. The total amount paid to locums for time spent in quarantine, broken down by region.

There were 12 locums paid for time spent in quarantine up until 30 September 2020. All locums paid for quarantine periods were engaged to work in the Southern Region. The total spend was \$161 400.76.

As a number of these engagements are yet to be invoiced, the estimated cost of \$161 400 is based on the agreed hourly or daily rate, at the time of engagement. The cost includes:

- agency fees, based on the agreed contract rates for each specific agency; and
- any agreed accommodation expenses.

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<sup>1</sup> [Essential Travellers | Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)