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Tēnā koe

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00204216

Thank you for your email on 2 June 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ) for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I'd like to request under the OIA the amount budgeted and the amount spent within Data and Digital for each financial year of Te Whatu Ora/Health NZ's existence.

I would like a break down of both budget and spend on wages, and external suppliers for each year.

Response

The information in scope of your request is attached as a table in **Appendix One**.

The table presents a year-on-year view of total expenditure, including separately identified salary costs and indicative external supplier expenditure.

There has been a series of organisational changes since Health NZ was established on 1 July 2022, bringing together over 20 previous District Health Board and shared service organisations. Budget figures are therefore not comparable across years. The organisational changes include progressively bringing the separate data and digital groups together into a single national group, culminating in a new structure that took effect from November 2023. In late 2024 Data Services moved to Planning, Funding and Outcomes. A further reset occurred with effect from mid-2025, which included further transfers between Digital and other Health NZ functions.

As a result, budgets should not be directly compared across years because the scope and structure of Data and Digital has changed over time.

It is important to also note the following:

- The information provided is based on data and material previously used in the development of the Health Digital Investment Plan and reflects how Health NZ has monitored and reviewed operational performance.
- The data includes 2022/23 actual expenditure, which has not been previously published. It should be noted that reporting has improved over time, and as a result, later datasets are considered more reliable than earlier years. There are known limitations in the 2022/23 data due to classification and mapping issues.
- Gross salary payments have been separately identified in order to directly address the scope of the request.
- Expenditure on external suppliers has been calculated as total expenditure less salary costs and depreciation/amortisation.

- The figures provided cover the scope of the original Data and Digital function, noting boundaries have shifted over time and Data Services is now part of the Planning, Funding and Outcomes function. Data Services is included in numbers presented.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.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.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ 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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Appendix One

	FY22/23	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY24/25	FY25/26
\$m	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Net personnel	205.00	275.00	208.70	192.70	197.00	145.90	159.70
ICT & Telco	311.70	295.00	307.00	284.40	314.90	305.20	319.40
Project Opex	0.00	10.80	14.00	38.80	2.30	3.00	5.50
Other	85.80	15.20	15.00	13.50	9.80	5.00	6.00
Total Baseline	602.50	596.00	544.70	529.40	524.00	458.10	490.60
Crown Funded Projects (opex)	77.10	92.00	124.00	128.50	61.60	91.90	93.87
Depreciation/amortisation	103.60	119.00	102.40	107.60	164.80	155.60	165.41
Allocations	-9.00	0.00	-2.20	-2.80	0.00	-2.00	0.00
Total Opex	774.20	807.00	768.90	762.70	750.40	703.60	749.88
Salaries (included in net personnel and Crown Funded Projects)	208.50	207.20	219.40	228.40	205.30	145.90	185.80
Indicative payments on external suppliers	462.10	480.80	447.10	426.70	380.30	402.10	398.67

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