

Hello DCNZ,

I have reviewed the consultation document (proposed 2020/21 budget, fees and levies) and would like to advise/submit the following comments and a request:

Primarily, as Stake-Holders, we should be entitled to have the information that itemises/breaks-down the largest expense: "Personnel Related Costs". *In the past I have queried this amount with you and received no response from you (the DCNZ).*

This is the largest expense the Council has and I think we would all like to know what it is you are spending this amount on. 1.8 million \$ plus each year (2018-21)!!!

I have contacted the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to try to get this information under our Country's 'Freedom of Information' policy only to discover that the policy does not apply to 'Private' Companies. I discovered that the DCNZ is in fact relegated as a 'Private' company for this purpose: *it is not a Government organisation.* It is a 'Statutory Body' not readily monitored or audited by our NZ Government unless a 'Judicial Review' is instituted to examine the efficacy of the 2003 HCPA. I know of no Dentist in NZ who has the time or resources to effect this. What do we know, as Stake-Holders, regarding your enforcement of the 2003 HCPA, except what you choose to tell us? For example, what do we know of the errors and mistakes made by the DCNZ in it's role as a private company with 'regulatory authority' over our industry? *Who monitors the DCNZ and it's actions??*

If this information provided to me is incorrect please advise and I will return to the MOJ.

I was advised (at the time of my inquiry with the MOJ) that the 'Personnel Related Costs' was divided amongst 13 Secretariat members of the Council. To me this seems like a very large amount of our Stake-Holder's funds being spent on your salaries: 1.8 million amongst 13 people? In my opinion, the way you are managing this aspect of our contributions is not very 'transparent'.

I respectfully request, as a Stake-Holder and for the sake of 'transparency', a breakdown of the 1.8 million \$ plus you have managed to divide amongst yourselves.

Thank you once again, for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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