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Tēnā koe Marie

**Consultation on the Dental Council's proposed 2022/23 budget, fees and levies**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Dental Council's proposed 2022/23 budget, fees and levies.

Thank you for your work on this matter. The details are clearly laid out.

I consulted the Ministry of Health's Health Workforce directorate. Our comments are as follows:

1. It is good to see that the fee reviews are following the All-of Government guidelines.
2. We note that the large budgeted deficit counters the large surplus from last year.
3. It is unclear why registration growth doesn't cover the Consumer Price Index increase.
4. It is unclear why there have been significant salary increases over two consecutive years.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal.

Nāku noa, nā



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