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Thank you for your email of 15 June 2018 requesting under the Official Information the following information:

I'm trying to find out how much Housing NZ has spent on drug awareness training with the company Methcon.

Is this information publically available anywhere for me look at?

If not – under the Official Information Act I request the following information:

The sum spent by Housing NZ on Methcon in each financial year that it has used its services.

The table below shows the amount spent per year by Housing New Zealand for training services procured from Methcon.

Financial Year	Amount \$ (incl GST)
2005/06	12,843.25
2006/07	11,903.63
2007/08	6,666.11
2008/09	2,680.88
2009/10	60,818.23
2010/11	9,860.41
2011/12	12,675.36
2012/13	12,526.86
2013/14	7,778.93
2014/15	17,227.72
TOTAL	154,981.38

Housing New Zealand introduced methamphetamine awareness training for tenancy managers and other frontline staff. This training was delivered by Methcon over a 4-hour session. Staff were taught how to detect the signs of methamphetamine manufacture, and provided with information on the risks of exposure. Staff were also trained to leave the premises immediately without touching anything when they discovered evidence of a clandestine methamphetamine lab.

In 2009/10, Housing New Zealand extended its awareness training in the use of methamphetamine, not just production of methamphetamine, to not only include frontline staff and tenancy managers but opened the training up for all staffing managers and staff. This resulted in an increased uptake in the training.

In 2014/15, Housing New Zealand ceased to procure the services of Methcon as it now provides a broader scope of internal training to include other types of chemical contamination.

Yours sincerely



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