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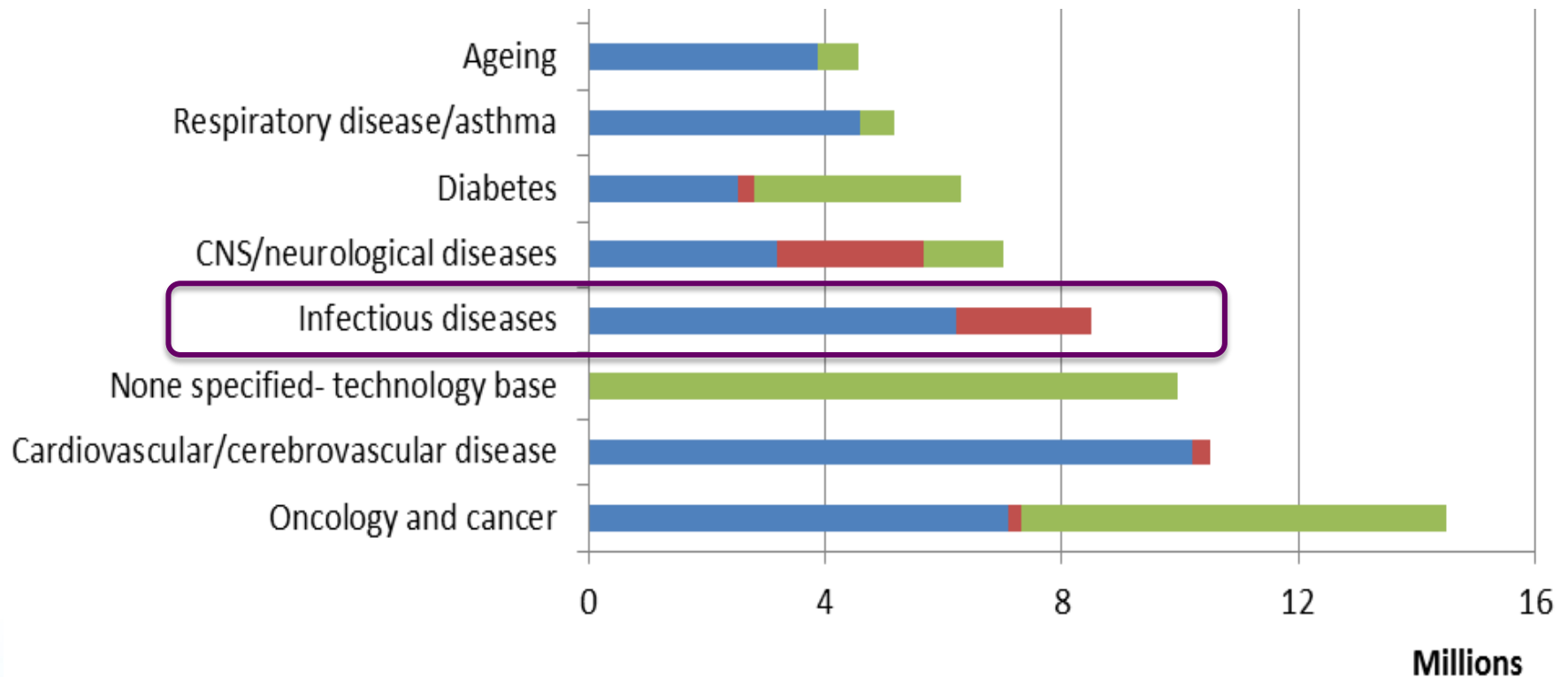
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ROLE OF THE HRC IN NZ

- Responsible for the majority of Government's investment in health research
 - investments also by MBIE and Marsden Fund
- Links science sector with health sector
- Support
 - investigator initiated research
 - research on strategic priorities
 - health research workforce development

MAJOR RESEARCH INVESTMENT AREAS



SNAPSHOT 2012/13

- 417 active research contracts
- total value \$331.9M
- funding to x different research providers
 - 2 DHBs
 - 9 tertiary education agencies
 - 22 independent/community research organisations
 - ++ through subcontracts
- researchers reported more international collaborations than national collaborations

E-ASIA JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMME

- Opportunity to enhance NZ' s international engagement
 - Building on existing platform of international collaboration
 - Increase the capacity and capability of the NZ health research workforce
 - Contribute to enhancing science and technology in East Asian region
 - Address important global health research issues