



22 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2024, requesting information about Ministry travel costs for remote workers.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all information within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

The Ministry does publish training and travel expenses in our responses to written questions for the Annual Review. You can find the past three years of information here:

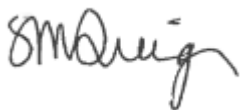
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I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request regarding travel costs, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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