

22 December 2022

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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 29 November 2022, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to staff Christmas parties. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *The total budget for your department's Christmas party/parties for 2022 and 2021. Please separate costs for each year.*

For 2022 Christmas functions, the Ministry will contribute up to \$25 per employee. Any cost in excess of \$25 will be met by individual employees.

The Ministry currently has 141 employees on payroll, so the total maximum contribution for 2022 Christmas functions is \$3,525.

Individual teams within the Ministry are arranging their own 2022 Christmas functions. We have not received all the reimbursement claims and invoices yet, so detailed breakdowns of costs are not yet available.

In 2021, the Ministry contributed a total amount of \$3,339.22 towards Christmas functions for teams within the Ministry. I have appended to this letter a table outlining the breakdown of location and total costs for each team's Christmas party (refer **Appendix A**).

APPENDIX B: Ministry for Pacific Peoples' Christmas parties in 2021, broken down by cost and expense type.

Team	Date	Where	Accommodation	Catering	Consultation	Decorations	Entertainment	Planning	Venue	Total	Attendees
A	15/12/21	Dillingers, Wellington	0.00	203.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.22	5
B	20/12/21	Szimpla, Auckland	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	6
C	17/12/21	Monsoon Poon, Wellington	0.00	1,661.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,661.74	34
D	22/12/21	Buster Crabb, Invercargill	0.00	71.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.65	2
E	22/12/21	Riddiford Hotel, Lower Hutt	0.00	217.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.39	7
F	22/12/21	Smokey Ts, Christchurch	0.00	170.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.43	5
G	22/12/21	The Lanes, Wellington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	834.79	0.00	0.00	834.79	14
			0.00	2,504.43	0.00	0.00	834.79	0.00	0.00	3,339.22	73

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