

OC241281

13 November 2024

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 31 October 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I am requesting information regarding spending on lanyards, branded merchandise, and clothing within your agency. Specifically, I would like details on the following:

1. *Please provide the total amount spent on each category (lanyards, merchandise, and clothing) over the past financial year.*
2. *For each category, could you provide an itemised breakdown, including but not limited to:*
 - *Type of item purchased (e.g., branded clothing, lanyards).*
 - *Quantity of each item purchased.*
 - *Total cost per item type.*
3. *A list of suppliers or vendors used for these purchases, with the amounts spent per vendor."*

From 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, the Ministry of Transport Te Manatū Waka (the Ministry) spent \$130 plus GST on unbranded lanyards. These were purchased from Dynamic Gift NZ Ltd in Auckland. One hundred lanyards were purchased at a cost of \$1.30 plus GST per unit.

The Ministry also purchased a variety of branded merchandise for New Zealand Search & Rescue (NZSAR) in the last financial year. The NZSAR Secretariat is located within the Ministry and the Ministry receives funding to host it. The Secretariat supports the NZSAR Council in providing support services, advice and delivering the Council's strategy.

Secretariat staff members are provided with branded clothing so when they are attending external meetings, workshops and search and rescue exercises they can be differentiated from other agencies, who also wear their own branded clothing.

All NZSAR merchandise was purchased from Booker Spalding and is detailed in the table below.

Item	Quantity purchased	Cost per unit	Total cost
Men's Polo Shirt	2	\$40.00	\$80.00
Women's Cardigan	1	\$105.40	\$105.40
Women's ¾ Sleeve Cuff Top	2	\$78.95	\$157.90

Item	Quantity purchased	Cost per unit	Total cost
Unisex Jacket	1	\$96.80	\$96.80
Men's Shirt	2	\$49.60	\$99.20
Men's Long Sleeve Shirt	1	\$115.00	\$115.00
Men's Checked Shirt	1	\$91.00	\$91.00
Women's Blouse	1	\$67.90	\$67.90
Women's Jacket	1	\$83.98	\$83.98
NZSAR Branding Logo for Safety Vests	15	\$0.47	\$7.10
Men's Blue Check Shirt	1	\$115.00	\$115.00
Lapel Pins	200	\$8.00	\$1,600.00
TOTAL			\$2,619.28

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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Nāku noa, nā



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