



22 September 2023

Tēnā koe

On 27 August 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The figure of money spent on refurbishment of winz offices*
- *the cost of all furniture at winz offices, in Canterbury*

The Ministry has interpreted the timeframe for your request to be the 2022/23 financial year. Please contact the Ministry if this was not the intent of your request.

In the 2022/23 financial year, the Ministry spent \$17,416,084 on refurbishment of 29 of our Work and Income service centres. This figure does not include spending at new Ministry sites.

This is part of the Ministry's national programme of work to enhance the security lay out in all of our service centres and includes incorporating new spaces and technologies.

In the 2022/23 financial year, the Ministry spent \$63,413 on furniture at our offices in Canterbury. Please note, this figure excludes any furniture which was included as part of the refurbishments mentioned above.

The Ministry's definition of Canterbury includes Ashburton, Hornby, Linwood, New Brighton, Papanui, Rangiora, Riccarton, Shirley and Sydenham.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 this response regarding refurbishments of Ministry sites, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P.P.' followed by a stylized signature.

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