

8 June 2026

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

I refer to my response to your request on 28 May 2026, for information from the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry).

On 11 May 2026, you clarified your request and advised the Ministry you were seeking a breakdown of travel and accommodation costs for Tier 2 leaders, broken down by each Deputy Chief Executive (DCE). I apologise this part of your request was not considered in my response to you earlier.

I have reconsidered your request for a breakdown of travel and accommodation costs by each DCE, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please refer to the attached Appendix which provides a table showing travel and accommodation costs for each DCE for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

The Ministry is responsible for delivering services, along with partners, to some of New Zealand's most vulnerable people.

Our frontline staff and providers are spread across the country. We have 11 regional offices, 130 local sites and more than 2000 community partners. It is important we can connect regionally and nationally through face-to-face meetings, as well as online.

This ensures we can effectively deliver services and support to New Zealanders across the country.

Please note, there is some difference between the costs for the financial year 2025/26 and the grand total in the table provided to you on 28 May 2026 and the table provided to you in this response. This is due to the inclusion of a cancelled trip for the DCE of Service Delivery which is currently going through the refund process.

For clarity, the costs associated with this cancelled trip have not been included in this response.

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, 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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Anna Graham

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