



3 October 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 3 September 2022. You requested the following:

The total amount of cost that have been incurred leading up to the now cancelled announcement of the GST proposal for KiwiSaver fees. Please provide figures for the following: 1) External i.e., consulting fees outside IRD and any government ministry or agencies) 2) Internal i.e., how many staff involved for how long at what costing for example, X number of staff worked on it for Y hrs @ \$Z. I intend to be informed about how much price the taxpayers have paid in this policy.

Question 1

Inland Revenue did not use any external consultants so incurred no external costs relating to the GST proposal for KiwiSaver fees. Therefore, your request for external costs is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

Question 2

Inland Revenue staff have broad capability-based roles. There have been people that have worked on the project at various stages of the policy development process, but names and number of people were not recorded. For this reason, we are unable to provide the number of staff that worked on the GST proposal for KiwiSaver fees. Inland Revenue staff do not record hours spent on policy projects. Therefore, your request for internal costs is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

Right of Review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

Publishing of OIA response

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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