



31 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 30 June 2023. You requested the following:

1. *Total expenditure on bottled water in 2022:
Please provide the total amount spent on bottled water, including the cost of procurement, delivery and any other associated expense.*
2. *Total expenditure on flowers in 2022:
Please provide the total amount spent on flowers, including any cost related to procurement, arrangements and maintenance.*

Similarly, please provide:

3. *Total expenditure on bottled water from January 2023 up to and including June 2023.*
4. *Total expenditure on flowers from January 2023 up to and including June 2023.*

If possible, I would appreciate a breakdown of the aforementioned expenditures by specific projects, programs, or categories within your department. This breakdown will aid in comprehending the context of these expenses and enable a more comprehensive analysis.

Item 1

Inland Revenue had nil expenditure in 2022 and expenditure of \$751 in the first six months of 2023 on bottled water. All figures exclude GST.

Bottled water is purchased for our civil defence cabinets located in our leased accommodation buildings. It is not available for general consumption. This water is replaced every two years, based on its shelf-life.

The nil expenditure in 2022 reflected the bottled water expiry dates and the impact of the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The expenditure of \$751 was for the supply and shipping of 444 units of 1.5ltr bottled water for our Palmerston North office. This expenditure is incurred within our Workplace Services business unit.

Item 2

Inland Revenue spent \$9,241 in 2022 and \$5,872 in the first six months of 2023 on flowers.

We do not provide flowers except in very limited circumstances. These exceptional circumstances may include significant life events (such as a birth, illness, bereavement, or marriage) for which we may send flowers in congratulations or sympathy. Purchases made are typically for staff, however, on occasion flowers may be provided to an individual who is not employed by Inland Revenue (such as a guest or relative of a staff member).

The below table outlines the expenditure on flowers by financial year and business unit.

Business unit	Total Expenditure \$
2022 (12 months)	
Customer and Compliance Services - Business	3,608
Customer and Compliance Services - Individual	2,183
Enterprise Design and Integrity	1,245
Enterprise Services	1,207
Policy and Regulatory Stewardship	279
Tax Counsel Office	523
Chief Executive	196
	9,241
2023 (6 months)	
Customer and Compliance Services - Business	2,730
Customer and Compliance Services - Individual	897
Enterprise Design and Integrity	710
Enterprise Services	862
Information and Intelligence Services	87
Policy and Regulatory Stewardship	91
Tax Counsel Office	277
Chief Executive Management	217
	5,872

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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