



Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 12 April 2022. You requested:

- 1) *Since March 2020, how many "away days" or retreats have the executive/senior leaders in your organisation been on? Please get in touch if your organisation leaders refer to a similar thing - a trip which involves team bonding or otherwise is about leaders having hui together out of a traditional meeting format - but by another word.*
- 2) *Can each away day/retreat be broken down by: - Dates and locations (including town and name of accommodation) - Which leaders attended - Budget for the retreat (broken down by travel, accommodation, food and drink, entertainment, and any other category you feel is relevant) - What was the purpose of the retreat?*
- 3) *Did any leaders produce a positive Covid-19 test within a fortnight of returning from the retreat?*

On 12 April 2022, you clarified that your request refers to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Inland Revenue (the Executive Leadership Team).

Questions 1 and 3: The number of away-days or retreats the Executive Leadership Team has been on since March 2020, and if any leaders tested positive for Covid-19 within a fortnight of returning from an away-day or retreat

The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) has not been on offsite away-days or retreats since March 2020. Therefore, no members of the ELT have tested positive after an offsite away-day or retreat since March 2020.

Question 2: Details and budgets for ELT away-days or retreats

Details and budgets for offsite away-days or retreats for the ELT are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document containing the information requested does not exist.

Rights 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: 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 at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing of OIA responses

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes, on its website, responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public. If this response is published, your personal details and any information that would identify you will be removed.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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