



01 May 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 29 March 2023. You requested the following:

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA):

- 1. Operating expenditure relating to Working for Families for the year ending December 31, 2022.*
- 2. Operating expenditure relating to Child Support for the year ending December 31, 2022.*

Our primary costing information is designed for Inland Revenue's Vote Revenue appropriations that are functional in nature. Inland Revenue is unable to provide an operating expenditure breakdown relating to Working for Families and Child Support for the 2022 calendar year as this information is not directly captured by our financial systems.

I have therefore decided to refuse your request under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Inland Revenue, and I do not believe it is held by another agency.

However, Inland Revenue has developed a costing model per tax product by financial year and can supply preliminary forecast data for the 2022/23 financial year.

For the 2022/23 financial year, Inland Revenue has estimated the cost of Working for Families to be between \$55 and \$59 million and for Child Support to be between \$51 and \$55 million. These costs include direct costs, indirect costs, and overhead costs. These estimates represent 7.9%-8.4% and 7.3%-7.9%, respectively, of our total forecast operating expenditure.

We expect actual product costing data will become available at some point after the completion of the financial year.

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 for your request.

Yours sincerely



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