



2 September 2025

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), partially transferred to Inland Revenue from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 5 August 2025. You requested the following:

... relates to government expenditure in technology systems to detect fraud and corruption.

... please allocate that expenditure by detailing the year and the value spent in that year.

I would be further grateful if the response for each agency could allocate expenditure in the categories of (a) maintenance, (b) repair, (c) development.

Inland Revenue uses the Data Intelligence Platform (its core analytics system) and tools in its core transactional system, START, and other core systems to detect, prevent, and investigate fraud.

- In the 2025 financial year, Inland Revenue spent \$99,227.79 NZD on an intelligence platform which, amongst other things is used to detect compromised credentials.
- In the 2025 financial year, Inland Revenue spent \$14,960 USD on an IP address database to assist in understanding of internet traffic and IP location and network information.

The data from the intelligence platform and IP address database is used as an attribute in our fraud analytics to detect, prevent or respond to potential fraud.

Inland Revenue is unable to break down the expenditure in categories as this information is not held. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by Inland Revenue and I have no grounds for believing it is held by another department.

Right of review

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

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety.

Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Yours sincerely



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