

OIA Response to Request for Information about Spending on Office Furniture

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Title: Response to OIA request for information about spending on new furniture and office supplies in the last five years

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Section 9(2)(a) Information has been withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons.

20 March 2019

Dear **s9(2)(a)**

I refer to your request received on 19 February 2019, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for information in response to the following questions:

- How much has the department spent in the last five years (broken down by year) on buying new furniture and office supplies for its offices around New Zealand? This was later clarified to exclude office consumables.
- Please provide any extra detail available on why the purchases were required i.e. office renovation or relocation.
- How much has the department spent on getting rid of furniture i.e. dump or storage fees, in the last five years (broken down by year).

Information being released

Please find the requested information in the table below

Year	Spend on Furniture and Office Supplies	Dump/storage fees	Comment
2017/18	\$88,188.00	\$345.61	Purchases were primarily replacement of depreciated desk chairs and file draw mobiles. Due to age and condition of items being disposed, these could not be auctioned. Method of disposal was a combination of donation for reuse, recycling materials (e.g. metal) and landfill disposal.
2016/17	\$56,289.63	-	Purchases included the replacement of depreciated desks (that could not be height adjusted and therefore did not meet health and safety requirements) and ongoing renewal of desk and office chairs, other chairs that had come to the end of their useful life. The Ministry also purchased new Civil Defence cabinets.
2015/16	\$17,190.06	\$64.00	Major purchases were boardroom tables and chairs for meeting rooms.
2014/15	\$2,602.50	-	This cost was mainly two desk sit/stand attachments.
2013/14	\$6,855.05	-	Larger purchases were for file drawers, additional desks and chairs.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. No information has been withheld.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Ministry's website.

Yours sincerely

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