

31 January 2020

Peter Nielson

Via email: fyi-request-11893-04442f94@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Peter,

I am responding on behalf of the University, to your email received 15 December 2019, in which you have requested the following information:

“The total costs incurred by Massey University to send academics to India to sign an Memorandum of Understanding between Massey and the Indian National Institute for Fashion Technology? I wish to know how many Massey staff attended and total:

- *Hotel expenditure*
- *Flight expenditure and class of travel*
- *Incidental expenditure*
- *Venue hire fees*
- *Any other expenditure*

If the trip was funded by external agencies (i.e. Education NZ or MFAT) please transfer my request to those agencies.

I would also like a copy of the signed MoU and to know if Massey has received any financial contribution from the Indian National Institute for Fashion Technology.”

In response to your queries I can confirm that three Massey University staff travelled to India, part of the purpose of that trip was to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) as well as engage with Massey students taking part in a bilateral programme with NIFT, which was supported by Education New Zealand through the Prime Minister’s Scholarship to Asia programme. The trip also included meetings with partner institutions in Singapore

Specific expenses related to this travel are as follows:

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| Hotel expenditure | \$7,676.44 |
| Flight Expenditure (and class of travel) | \$17,691.62 (Premium Economy) |
| Incidentals (food, taxi) | \$3,439.54 |
| Venue hire fees | \$0.00 |
| Other expenditure (catering, etc) | \$559.07 |

There was no contribution from any external agencies and the University has not received a financial contribution for this trip from Indian National Institute for Fashion Technology. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is withheld to enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (9)(2)(i); and to enable the University to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage (9)(2)(j).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

I trust this is the information you require.

Ngā mihi,

Jodie Banner

Director of Risk and Assurance