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Dear Mr Crow

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *After the kiosk security breach late last year how much money has been spent on cyber security across all work at MSD?
This request is for cost of all cyber security not limited to costs of new kiosk systems.
Specifically costings of security work from November 2012 through to September 2013.*
 1. *Security testing by third party companies.*
 2. *Cost on internal staff on work related to cyber security.*
 3. *Cost of contractors working with MSD on cyber security.*
 4. *Any other cost of the cyber security work that you feel are relevant.*

The Work and Income kiosk security breach triggered a major review of the Ministry's cyber security and an IT Security Programme was immediately mobilised to:

- ensure the Ministry is secure but can still do business;
- provide processes and tools to identify and resolve weaknesses before they can be exploited by third parties; and
- create a cyber-security governance framework and architecture.

This work has been, and continues to be, undertaken in accordance with the relevant Government Chief Information Officer and Government Communications Security Bureau recommendations and guidelines, and is subject to ongoing external monitoring by these entities.

The costs of this work for the period from November 2012 to September 2013 are:

- security testing by third party companies - \$340,568
- internal staff - \$776,464
- external resources - \$3,078,252

These are the cyber security costs relevant to your request.

In regard to question four of your request, I believe that the release of the internal and external costs associated with cyber testing, outlined above, satisfies the public interest in this information.

I hope you find this information regarding the cost of cyber security helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
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Yours sincerely



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