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Dear Blaize McCabe

Official Information Act request (OIA19/20 - 0670)

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 9 March 2020 requesting the following:

Please provide information about the cost of ANZAC services in New Zealand since 2000. Please also provide information about the cost of ANZAC services outside of New Zealand if held.

Response to your request

The Department of Internal Affairs' (the Department) Visits and Ceremonial Office (VCO) is responsible for organising some Anzac Day commemoration events in New Zealand, including the Anzac Day Dawn Service, the ANZAC Day National Commemoration at Pukeahu National Memorial Park, and the Atatürk Memorial Wreathlaying ceremony all held in Wellington. Events in other cities are run by local Councils.

The Ministry of Culture and Heritage (MCH) and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) are responsible for ANZAC commemorations held in overseas locations. I understand that your request was also sent to both those agencies and so they will respond to the part of your request about the costs of ANZAC services held outside New Zealand.

Prior to 2015, the Anzac event at the Cenotaph was run and funded primarily by Wellington City Council (WCC). Since Pukeahu opened, the service has been held there and organised by the Department. The Department also changed its financial system in 2015. For the years since then, we have provided the final costs of the ANZAC day event in the table on the following page.

In order to answer your request for costs incurred by the Department for Anzac services in years prior to 2015, we have searched through previous responses to Official Information Act requests for any similar requests from those years. We have also located some costs information in the old financial system. In most cases these costs are indicative budgeted costs only, not the final costs of the event incurred by the Department. These costs do not include costs incurred by WCC.

We are declining your request under section 18(f) of the Act for the ANZAC Day events for the years 2000 – 2003 as obtaining this information from the previous financial systems would require substantial collation and research.

Costs of ANZAC Day services incurred by the Department

Year	Cost
2000	-
2001	-
2002	-
2003	-
2004	\$9,588
2005	\$19,632
2006	\$21,963
2007	\$20,836
2008	\$31,542
2009	\$48,072
2010	\$66,566
2011	\$61,015
2012	\$18,977
2013	\$39,246
2014	\$21,290
2015	\$631,299
2016	\$355,295
2017	\$226,339
2018	\$213,480
2019	\$234,118

- Pukeahu National Memorial Park in Wellington was completed in April 2015 in time for the centenary of the Gallipoli landings in World War I, and was one of the New Zealand Government's key projects to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I. The costs that year were correspondingly larger to stage this event.

If you have any concerns with the decisions referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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