

Ref: 207858

Friday, 4 June 2021

John Luke

By email to fyi-request-15399-7e476acc@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe John,

Partial response to your request for Official Information

On 13 April 2021, you requested from the Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) the following information:

1. *For the 2017-2021 financial year, the total amount spent by the Office on koha, the names of those who received it,*
2. *the amount spent on any other donations and the names of those who received these donations; and*
3. *The events current commissioner Meng Foon attended since he took the office.*

Koha and Donations

Please see table below for total koha spending.

FY	Total per FY
2018/19	\$ 1,147.83
2019/20	\$ 920.01
2020/21	\$ 4,228.26
Total	\$ 6,296.10

Koha recipients¹ in this period were:

- ActionStation Aotearoa Limited
- Network Waitangi Otautahi
- Recruitment Consultant
- Speakers at Management meeting
- National Iwi Chairs Forum
- Pasifika Education Trust
- Disability Rights Advocate
- Stakeholders involved in Chief Commissioner’s Listening Tours
- Race Unity Speech speakers
- Sutton Park School

¹ Please note we have anonymised individuals names under s 9(2)(a) in order to protect their personal details.

- Te Mahurehure Marae
- Waikato Mongrel Mob Kingdom

In 2019, the Commission changed its finance system and accessing information for FY2017-18 requires substantial time which would unreasonably interfere with our operations. For this reason, we are declining the information you requested for koha payments in FY2017-18.

The Commission does not have a specific account or activity code for *Donations* therefore collating this information would require substantial time which would unreasonably interfere with our operations. For this reason, we are declining the information you requested on amount spent on donations.

Events attended by the Race Relations Commissioner

You also requested events attended by the Race Relations Commissioner since he took office in October 2019.

We are notifying you of an extension of time to provide the information you requested. This extension is necessary because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original timeline would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

We are aiming to provide this information to you in batches, the first batch will be provided by **28 June 2021**. We will provide further updates on your request at that time.

Alternative avenues

If you are unhappy with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman's Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or on freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries about this response, please feel free to contact me directly.

Nāku noa, nā

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