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Ref: DOIA 2122-0040

Tēnā koe Mr Baker,

Thank you for your request of 5 July 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, requesting advice documentation received from, and costs incurred by, the Matariki Advisory Group under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The information requested is set out below, and the preliminary report by the Advisory Group is attached.

**Advice documentation received:**

The Matariki Advisory Group provided Ministers with three reports. The two final reports produced are available on the MBIE website:

- [Matariki dates 2022 - 2052 – Matariki Advisory Committee \[PDF, 163 KB\]](#)
- [Values for Matariki celebrations – Matariki Advisory Committee \[PDF, 165 KB\]](#)

A preliminary report by the Matariki Advisory Group, delivered in February 2021, is also within the scope of your request, and I am releasing this to you in full (attached).

**Breakdown of fees, engagement and travel costs incurred to date:**

Matariki Advisory Group daily fees	At 21 July 2021, the total fees paid to all advisory group members was <b>\$141,651</b> . Note that this includes their work on engagement and consultation, which is not charged separately.  The Matariki Advisory Group members are paid in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework [CO(19)1 refers]. This means the Chair of the Group is paid \$1,035 (plus GST if applicable) per day and members are paid \$780 (plus GST if applicable) per day.
Travel and Accommodation for the Matariki Advisory Group	Travel – Flights \$ 6,267.09 Accommodation \$ 4,045.80 Food \$ 603.00 Taxis/Car-parking \$ 301.60 Venue hire \$ 3363.75 <b>Total \$ 14,581.2</b>
Total of Advisory group fees and travel/accommodation costs to 21 July 2021	<b>Total \$156,232.5</b>

I trust you will find this information helpful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone: 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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