

# Hon Grant Robertson

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Dear Nic

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 2 June 2022:

*Are you able to supply how the image for the cover of the 2022 Wellbeing Budget was selected, including any meeting notes regarding decisions around this?*

*I note within the budget it lacks any accreditation to the artist/s, or the Whenua represented. Are you please able to supply this in written form.*

*Was there a fee paid to the artist? How is this comparable to fees previously paid in terms of pay parity.*

*I note the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International licence, with the Crown claiming ownership of the image. Are you able to supply the metadata of the image, including when it was taken? What clauses are there within the employee's contract regarding Intellectual Property?*

*Does the artist currently have any other representation, agent, or guild to advocate for their value?*

The photo was taken by me on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April this year, and is of the Hokianga Harbour from the lookout above Omapere township. I acknowledged the people of the area in media comment prior to the budget. The photo was selected by me and my Office staff after a brief informal conversation that didn't warrant a written record. No fee was paid for the image.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Robertson'.

Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**