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Dear Erika Whittome

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 10 September 2023. You requested the following:

- 1. What budget was allocated for any Covid 19 health and safety activities at the IRD's workplace for the 2021/2022 financial year? For example Covid advisors, Covid specialist roles, marketing etc
- 2. What designation did IRD receive under section 191 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 in order to act as a regulator for health and safety matters?

Inland Revenue did not specifically allocate any budget for COVID-19 health and safety activities for the 2022 financial year. Any COVID-19 health and safety activities were fulfilled through existing health and safety roles.

Inland Revenue did not act as a regulator under section 191 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Inland Revenue followed advice set by the lead agency for the public health response to COVID-19, Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health).

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

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