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Tēnā koe Grant

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 5 July 2024. You requested:

*How much does the average arrest cost, including police officer salary, legal fees, cost of detention, and any other costs directly associated with the arrest.*

Police does not hold costings/information about legal fees, costs relating to detention nor any quantifiable costs 'directly associated' with an arrest. Police also does not record 'average costs' in relation to arrests. Not all costs that could be attributable to the end-to-end arrest process are incurred by Police. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held. However, in regard to Police Officer salary, in the first year out of the Police College they are paid an annual salary of \$83,266 rising to \$91,773 for an officer working in their fifth year<sup>1</sup>.

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

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Ngā mihi



**Superintendent Dave Greig**  
Director Operational Capability

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.newcops.govt.nz/about-the-job/pay-benefits>

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