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Tēnā koe Erika

**Official Information Act request: District Court judges' event at the Northern Club**

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2024 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information regarding an end of year event for District Court Judges. Specifically, you requested:

*Would you kindly provide the following information: For the district court judges end of year event at the Northern Club, what was 1. the end of year budget for this end of year event 2. the actual cost from the budget 3. does this include alcohol and the bar tab from the Northern Club? 4. disbursements such as travel and overnight accommodation for Auckland city*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry has decided to grant your request. However, more time is required to finalise the response. The Ministry will provide a response to your request on or before 11 March 2025. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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