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Tēnā koe

Re: Official Information Act (OIA) Request – Board member benefits

Thank you for your OIA request, which was partially transferred to Te Papa on 30 June 2026, requesting the following information:

Besides meeting fees, do [appointees to Te Papa Board] receive any other benefits, such as expense reimbursement (If so, may I request to view your expense reimbursement policy in relation to your board member), a laptop, ID card, phone, or similar provisions?

Te Papa either books directly, or reimburses, travel expenses incurred by Board members while undertaking Board business. These arrangements are made to enable members to fulfil their governance responsibilities and are not considered additional benefits.

Board members are issued a Te Papa security access (swipe) card to enable entry to Te Papa premises for the purpose of attending Board and committee meetings and carrying out their duties. This is provided solely for operational purposes rather than as a benefit.

At bi-monthly Board meetings, Te Papa provides Board members with Te Papa Press publications where new titles have been released. These are intended to support members in developing a deeper understanding of Te Papa's collections, programmes, and wider activities, and to assist them in their role as advocates for the museum within their networks and communities. To date, the newly appointed Board members have not received any Te Papa Press publications.

Te Papa does not maintain a formal expense reimbursement policy specific to Board members. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact OIA@tepapa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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