

18 March 2020

Blaize McCabe

Dear Blaize,

I refer to your request received on 21 February 2020, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

'Please provide information on the total amount spent on War Memorials for WW1 or Memorials including WW1, as well as the total amount spent on ANZAC day services, such as those in Gallipoli, as well as across New Zealand, Australia etc that are funded by the government'

As per our email correspondence of 9 March 2020, we advised that the Department of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade would be better placed to respond to your specific requests on ANZAC Day services overseas (including Gallipoli). In addition, we advised local councils have responsibility for the maintenance of local war memorials within their boundaries, and for commemorations associated with them.

The Ministry for Culture and Heritage advised that the National War Memorial and Pukeahu National War Memorial Park were within the scope of your original request. The Ministry also provides funding to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to maintain overseas war graves and overseas memorials that relate to World War One.

Information being released

Information publicly available

The following information is covered by your request and is publicly available;

Item	Date	Document Description	Link
Ministry Annual Reports	2008 – 2019 FY	Full details of organisational objectives, aims and financial performance	https://mch.govt.nz/research-publications/our-accountability-reports
Ministry Annual Reports	2000-2008 FY	Excerpts from the financial sections of Ministry Annual Reports	Please see attached PDF for excerpts. Full copies are also available through the National Library
WW100 Final Report	April 2019	WW100 First World War Centenary Programme Final Report	https://ww100.govt.nz/final-report

Total amounts for the National War Memorial and Pukeahu National War Memorial Park are available in the Ministry's Annual Reports. Please note Pukeahu National War Memorial Park opened in April 2015.

These reports also contain costs relating to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and, where applicable, WW100 commemorations costs. For example, in the 2018/2019 report the information you are looking for is on pages 80 and 82.

For your convenience the Ministry has also provided electronic copies of the relevant financial sections of our Annual Reports prior to 2008.

You can also find costs relating to the WW100 commemorations on page 12 of the WW100 First World War Centenary Programme Final Report.

Please note that the spending total disclosed in this Report includes amounts that are also reflected in our Annual Reports between 2014 and 2018. This total amount also includes the amount set aside for the construction of Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, which is also contained in our Annual Reports for that same time period.

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact uia@mch.govt.nz

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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