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By email to [fyi-request-15399-7e476acc@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-15399-7e476acc@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe John,

### **Final response to your request for Official Information**

On 13 April 2021, you requested from the Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) the following information:

1. *For the 2017-2021 financial year, the total amount spent by the Office on koha, the names of those who received it,*
2. *the amount spent on any other donations and the names of those who received these donations; and*
3. *The events current commissioner Meng Foon attended since he took the office.*

On 4 June 2021, we provided our response to your first two question.

On 9 July 2021 we provided a partial response to your last request, namely events attended by Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon between January 2021 – June 2021.

On 19 July 2021 we provided a further response to your last request, namely events attended by Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon between August 2019 – December 2019.

Please see below a table on the public events Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon has attended between January 2020– December 2020.<sup>1</sup>

### **Alternative avenues**

If you are unhappy with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman’s Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or on freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries about this response, please feel free to contact me directly.

Nāku noa, nā

**Jaimee Paenga**  
Legal Adviser

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<sup>1</sup> Please note in this and the last response, some information was denoted as \*\*\*. Where this appears, the Commission does not hold the information.

<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Meeting/Event</b>	<b>Description/Invitation received from</b>
Sat, 11 Jan	Auckland	Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple NZ Annual Reunion Dinner	Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple NZ
Sat, 18 Jan	Auckland	Invitation to Opening of Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day	Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc
Thurs, 23 Jan to Sat, 25 Jan	Ratana	Ratana Celebrations	Annual Celebration of Founder's birthday
Mon, 27 Jan	Wellington	Speaking invitation at Makara Cemetery event, invite to attend at Holocaust Memorial Stone and Parliament Reception for United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Holocaust Centre of NZ and Wellington Regional Jewish Council
Mon, 27 Jan	Wellington	National Day Reception in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India	High Commission of India
Weds, 29 Jan	Auckland	Give Nothing to Racism Stakeholder meeting	Human Rights Commission organised meeting
Fri, 31 Jan	Wellington	Opening of Aotea College new school buildings	Principal and BOT of Aotea College
Sat, 2 Feb	Auckland	Australian Bushfire Relief Concert in Auckland to raise funds and awareness for the victims of the fires in Australia. Funds will be raised for the Australian Redcross and the Wildlife Emergency Fund	Neralcm
Tues, 4 Feb to Thurs, 6 Feb	Paihia	National Iwi Chairs Forum and Waitangi Day Celebrations	National Iwi Chairs, Waitangi National Trust etc
Weds, 5 Feb	Paihia	Opening of new museum at Waitangi that commemorates the service of Māori in the NZ Armed Forces	Waitangi National Trust
Weds, 5 Feb	Paihia	Dinner to celebrate the opening of a new museum at Waitangi that commemorates the service of Māori in the NZ Armed Forces	Trustees of the Waitangi National Trust
Thurs, 6 Feb	Paihia	Dawn Service and Flag Raising Ceremony	Waitangi National Trust
Fri, 7 Feb	Wellington	THE SWING - a Theatre Marae project	Te Rākau Theatre
Sat, 8 Feb	Wellington	Celebrating the Year of the Rat on Matiu/Sommes Island	NZ Chinese Association
Sat, 15 Feb	Christchurch	Anti Workplace Bullying Public Meeting	Culture Safe Christchurch
Sun, 16 Feb	Auckland	Auckland Connecting Faith   Interfaith Communities Hui	Minister for Ethnic Communities
Tues, 18 Feb	Auckland	Speaking invitation at Selwyn Community Education 2020 Think Talks	Selwyn Community Education
Weds, 19 Feb	Auckland	Guest speaker at West Auckland community meeting	Waitakere Ethnic Board
Thurs, 20 Feb	Auckland	Keynote Speaker at Book Launch Identity and Involvement Volume III Auckland Jewry into the 21st century	Hughes Publicity
Tues, 25 Feb	Gisborne	White Ribbon Youth Ambassador programme in Schools at Gisborne Girls' High School	Family Violence Response Coordinator, MSD

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Weds, 26 Feb	Napier	White Ribbon Youth Ambassador programme in Schools at Tamatea High School	Family Violence Response Coordinator, MSD
Fri, 28 Feb	Tauranga	Guest Speaker at LGNZ Zone Two February Meeting	Local Government New Zealand
Sat, 29 Feb	Auckland	Speaking invitation at 4th New Zealand Hindu Youth Conference	President, Hindu Youth New Zealand
Sun, 1 Mar	Wellington	Invitation to moderate a panel at NZ Festival Writers' event	Manager, Writers programme for the 2020 NZ festival
Sun, 1 Mar	Wellington	Speaking invitation at Connecting Faith & Interfaith communities hui	Principal Advisor Events, Office of Ethnic Communities
Sat, 7 Mar	Hastings	Speaking invitation at International Cultures Day	President, Multicultural Association Hawkes Bay
Sat, 14 Mar	Whanganui	Race Unity Day event	Multicultural Council of Rangitikei/Whanganui
Sun, 15 Mar	Christchurch	National Remembrance Service	Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu, the NZ Government and Christchurch City Council
Tues, 17 Mar	Wellington	Thai Pongal (Harvest Festival)	Michael Wood, MP for Mt Roskill and Chief Government Whip
Sat, 21 Mar	Auckland	Te Tiriti Based Futures and Anti-Racism 2020 event for Race Relations Day	Senior Lecturer, Taupua Waiora Research Centre, Auckland University of Technology
<b>Mon, 23 Mar</b>	<b>Aotearoa NZ</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 3</b>	
<b>Weds, 25 Mar</b>	<b>Aotearoa NZ</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 4</b>	
Tues, 21 Apr	Online - Zoom	NZCA Core Education meeting	NZ Chinese Association
Tues, 21 Apr	Online - Zoom	Multicultural New Zealand Covid-19 meeting	Multicultural New Zealand
Thurs, 23 Apr	Online - Zoom	Online meeting with Facebook	Facebook
Fri, 24 Apr	Online - Zoom	Behind the Mask Session	Superdiversity Institute for Law, Policy and Business
<b>Mon, 27 Apr</b>	<b>Aotearoa NZ</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 3</b>	
Tues, 28 Apr	Online - Zoom	Multicultural New Zealand Covid-19 meeting	Multicultural New Zealand
Tues, 12 May	Online - Zoom	Multicultural New Zealand Covid-19 meeting	Multicultural New Zealand
Thurs, 14 May	Online - Zoom	Anti Racism Strategy Korero Fono	Department of Social and Community Health, University of Auckland
<b>Weds, 13 May</b>	<b>Aotearoa NZ</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 2</b>	
Sun, 17 May	Online - Zoom	Race Unity Speech Awards Regional Heats	Baha'i Faith New Zealand
Fri, 22 May	Online - Zoom	Brave conversations about cultural stigmatisation and respectful behaviour webinar	Cultureworks
Sat, 23 May	Online - Zoom	Eid online programme	Voice of Islam NZ
Tues, 26 May	Online - Zoom	Speaking invitation at U3A Wellington City meeting	U3A Wellington City
Tues, 26 May	Online - Zoom	Multicultural New Zealand Covid-19 meeting	Multicultural New Zealand
Thurs, 28 May	Online - Zoom	East Coast Town Hall - Thinking Big	Labour List MP
Fri, 29 May	Online - Zoom	Karearea Institute for Change	Karearea Institute for Change

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Mon, 8 Jun	Aotearoa NZ	Covid-19 Alert Level 1	
Tues, 9 Jun	Online - Zoom	Multicultural Council Wellington June meeting	Multicultural Council Wellington
Fri, 12 Jun	Online - Zoom	Championing Superdiversity session	Superdiversity Institute for Law, Policy and Business
Tues, 16 Jun	Online - Zoom	Speaker invitation for Give Nothing to Racism	The New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington
Tues, 23 Jun	Wellington	World Refugee Day event	Hon Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister of Immigration in association with NZ Red Cross
Weds, 24 Jun	Wellington	2020 Global Enterprise Experience Award Ceremony	Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth in association with Victoria University of Wellington, University of Otago Business School and Te Kaihau Education Trust
Tues, 30 Jun	Online - Zoom	Invitation to moderate online Religious Attitudes to Racism discussion	Wellington Abrahamic Council
Weds, 1 Jul	Online - Zoom	Speaker invitation at Unity in Diversity online event	Future Dragonz
Fri, 3 Jul	Gisborne	Invitation to attend 10 year celebration semi open day	Tauawhi Tairawhiti Men's Centre
Mon, 6 Jul	Wellington	Launch of community-led family violence prevention frameworks (2019-2023)	Chief Executive, MSD
Tues, 7 Jul	Wellington	Te Awe Wellington Māori Business Network & Wellington Pasifika Business Network Post Budget Breakfast	Te Awe Wellington Māori Business Network & Wellington Pasifika Business Network
Weds, 15 Jul	Wellington	Keynote speaker at a dinner celebrating Matariki	Royal NZ Police College
Thurs, 16 Jul	Online - Zoom	Online NZCA meeting re Ventnor	NZ Chinese Association
Tues, 21 Jul	Online - Zoom	Te Tairawhiti Regional Hui on Trade	Te Taumata
Weds, 22 Jul	Online - Zoom	Speaker invitation for Maori Representation Workshop	Northland Regional Council
Weds, 22 Jul	Gisborne	Invitation to attend Gisborne Lions meeting	Gisborne Lions
Mon, 27 Jul	Online - Zoom	Facilitation discussion meeting	New Plymouth District Council
Tues, 28 Jul	Wellington	Reception to acknowledge Sir Derek Arana Te Ahi Lardelli ONZM	Hon Meka Whaitiri, MP for Ikaroa-Rawhiti
Thurs, 30 Jul	New Plymouth	Invitation to facilitate meeting for Taranaki Iwi Leaders and New Plymouth District Council re Long Term Plan	New Plymouth District Council
Fri, 31 Jul	Wellington	Powhiri for Andrew Coster, Police Commissioner	NZ Police
Fri, 31 Jul	Auckland	NZ Chinese Culture exchange	***
Sat, 1 Aug	Auckland	Rarotonga language week launch	***
Sun, 2 Aug	Auckland	Invitation to Butterfly Lovers Musical Showing	Renee Liang
Mon, 3 Aug	Auckland	Speaking invitation at Combined Probus club of Epsom	Speaker Organiser, Combined Probus Club of Epsom
Tues, 4 Aug	Auckland	Pacific Advance Secondary School	***
Tues, 4 Aug	Online - Zoom	Unity in Community leads meeting	***

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Weds, 5 Aug	Online - Zoom	Refugee resettlement in a time of international change	RAS NZ
Thurs, 6 Aug	Otaki	National Iwi Chairs Forum meeting	National Iwi Chairs Forum
Fri, 7 Aug	Omapere	Invitation to attend Manea Footprints of Kupe meeting	Manea Footprints of Kupe
Sat, 8 Aug	Auckland	Spaking invitation at Social Innovation NZ Cultural Diversity session	Social Innovation NZ Cultural Team 2020
<b>Weds, 12 Aug</b>	<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 3</b>	
<b>Weds, 12 Aug</b>	<b>Rest of country</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 2</b>	
Tues, 18 Aug	Online - Zoom	Refugee resettlement in a time of international change	RAS NZ
Weds, 19 Aug	Gisborne	NZ Trade & Enterprise & Trust Tairāwhiti Regional Networking event	NZ Trade & Enterprise
Sun, 23 Aug	Wellington	Keynote speaker at Wellington Interfaith Council AGM	Chair, Wellington Interfaith Council Inc
Mon, 24 Aug	Online	15 March Terrorist Sentencing hearing	***
Tues, 25 Aug	Online	15 March Terrorist Sentencing hearing	***
Tues, 25 Aug	Online - Zoom	Refugee resettlement in a time of international change	RAS NZ
Thurs, 27 Aug	Online - Zoom	Human Rights Centre Webinar on Victims' Rights in the United Nations	Auckland Law School
Sun, 30 Aug	Online - Zoom	B'nai Brith Zoom Event - Facing the Nazi Beast Today	Holocaust Centre of NZ
<b>Sun, 30 Aug</b>	<b>Aotearoa NZ</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 2</b>	
Fri, 4 Sept	Tokomaru Bay	Speaker Invitation to Hatea-a-Rangi School Funtastic Day re new mahi and the consequences of Racism	Principal, Hatea-a-Rangi School
Tues, 8 Sept	Wellington	Attend Multicultural Council of Wellington AGM	President, Multicultural Council of Wellington
Tues, 8 Sept	Online - Zoom	Special Guest Speaker Invitation to Pearl of the Islands Foundation Inc webinar re 'Human Rights: Racial Discrimination & Related Intolerance'	Director, Pearl of the Islands Foundation Inc
Weds, 9 Sept	Christchurch	Christchurch Multicultural meeting	Christchurch Multicultural
Weds, 9 Sept	Online - Zoom	Multicultural NZ Covid-19 Meeting	Community Relationship Advisor, Multicultural NZ
Mon, 14 Sept	Auckland	Invitation to visit Tirimoana School for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori	Tirimoana School
Tues, 15 Sept	Online - Zoom	Invitation to speak on panel to discuss different perspectives regarding people seeking asylum in New Zealand	Asylum Seekers Equality Project, a group based in Victoria University's Law School
Weds, 16 Sept	Auckland	Diversity Works of NZ awards	CEO, Diversity Works
Weds, 16 Sept	Online - Zoom	Speaking Invitation to Rotary Harbourside Club	Club Service Director, Rotary Harbourside Club
Sat, 19 Sept	Online - Zoom	Invitation to summarise and make closing remarks on ARCC Webinar: Hear from us, Not about us	Community Engagement & Relationship Coordinator, Aotearoa Resettlement Community Coalition
<b>Mon, 21 Sept</b>	<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 2</b>	
<b>Mon, 21 Sept</b>	<b>Rest of country</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 1</b>	
Tues, 22 Sept	Wellington	Invitation to attend Wellington Chinese Garden Society meeting	Wellington Chinese Garden Society

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Thurs, 24 Sept	Wellington	Invitation to speak at Rotary/ANZ Business Breakfast in Karori	Rotary/ANZ Business Breakfast programme convemor
Sat, 26 Sept	Wellington	Invitation to attend Multicultural New Zealand Powhiri and AGM	National President, Multicultural New Zealand
Sat, 26 Sept	Wellington	Black-Tie Community Awards Night	Executive Committee of Multicultural New Zealand
Sun, 27 Sept	New Plymouth	Invitation to attend a panel and workshop about confronting racism and finding ways to support targeted communities in times of COVID-19	Assistant Curator, Public Programmes - Govett-Brewster Art Gallery
Mon, 28 Sept	Auckland	Invitation as Guest Speaker at Diversity Workshop	Post Production Tutor, South Seas Film School
Tues, 29 Sept	Wellington	Invitation to attend NZ Police Remembrance Day Service	Commissioner Andrew Coster, NZ Police
Sat, 3 Oct	Online - Zoom	National Cultural Diversity Summit	Asian Australian Lawyers Association
<b>Weds, 7 Oct</b>	<b>Aotearoa NZ</b>	<b>Covid-19 Alert Level 1</b>	
Sat, 10 Oct	Invercargill	Murihiku Islamic Awareness Week event	Murihiku Islamic Trust
Mon, 19 Oct	Wellington	Wellington College Board meeting	Chairperson, Wellington College Board of Trustees
Tues, 20 Oct	Christchurch	11th Annual Refugee Regional Forum - "Safer Communities" Theme	Canterbury Refugee Resettlement and Resource Centre
Tues, 20 Oct	Auckland	Connecting a Community event. Focus: Recognising, & Acting Positively To Address Unconscious Bias in Schools	NZ Educational Administration & Leadership Society
Thurs, 30 Oct	Online - Zoom	Invitation to Aotearoa Poster Competition prize-giving ceremony - Kiwis together - 2020	Aotearoa Poster Competition project team
Sun, 1 Nov	Auckland	Opening of "Toi ō tēnei ao & Toi tuku iho—Contemporary and Traditional Māori Art Exhibition"	AI International Art Gallery
Tues, 3 Nov	Wellington	Powhiri for Glenis Philip Barbara as Assistant Maori Commissioner for Children	Office of the Children's Commissioner
Mon, 9 Nov	Auckland	Guest Speaker and Presentation at Spirit of Work function	Spirit of Work
Weds, 11 Nov	Nelson	Anne Frank New Zealand Travelling Launch of the Anne Frank NZ Travelling Exhibition	Chairman, Anne Frank NZ Travelling Exhibition and CEO of Motueka District Museum
Fri, 13 Nov	Auckland	Pacific Business Awards 2020	CEO, Pacific Business Trust
Sat, 14 Nov	Auckland	Auckland International Centre for Law & Religion Luncheon	Auckland and Northland Regional Delegates of Auckland International Centre for Law & Religion
Sat, 14 Nov	Auckland	Keynote speaker at 2020 NZ Leadership Programme graduation ceremony	Marketing, Communications & Events Manager, Leadership NZ
Tues, 17 Nov	Hamilton	Guest speaker at Ministry of Education's Te Ara Whiti PLD Session	Strategic Advisor Maori - Waikato
Weds, 18 Nov	Hamilton	Guest speaker at Family Start multicultural social workers meeting	Meeting invite sought by HRC staff to Family Start
Weds, 18 Nov	Hamilton	Meeting with University of Waikato's Muslim student representatives	Meeting invite sought by HRC staff to student representatives
Thurs, 19 Nov	Hamilton	Meeting with members of the University of Waikato's Taskforce and a presentation to staff	Office of the Vice Chancellor, The University of Waikato
Fri, 20 Nov	Rotorua	Guest at Ahuwhenua Maori Horticulture Awards 2020	Wright Whanau
Sat, 21 Nov	Auckland	Pakistan Association of NZ 2020 Community Awards	President, Pakistan Association of NZ

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Mon, 23 Nov	Auckland	Superdiversity Institute End of Year Celebration	Superdiversity Institute
Fri, 27 Nov	Wellington	NZ National Refugee Association Meeting	***
Sat, 28 Nov	Auckland	Friendship of Peace Association Annual Board Meeting & AGM	Friendship of Peace Association
Weds, 2 Dec	Wellington	Support Handover of Petition for Māori Wards and the change of Māori Wards legislation to Tamati Coffey	Representative of Te Rōpū Tautoko Māori
Weds, 2 Dec	Wellington	Launch of 2020 Child Poverty Monitor	Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern in association with the Office of the Children's Commissioner, JR McKenzie Trust and Otago University
Thurs, 3 Dec	Auckland	Auckland Grammar School Prize Giving	Headmaster, Auckland Grammar School
Fri, 4 Dec	Auckland	Welcoming address to open Epsom Normal Primary School's Cultural Festival	Principal, Epsom Normal Primary School
Sun, 6 Dec	Wellington	Ngati Porou ki Poneke bbq	Ngati Porou ki Poneke
Sun, 6 Dec	Wellington	Seyip Association of NZ Inc Dinner	Seyip Association of NZ Inc
Mon, 7 Dec	Auckland	Talanoa Paper Launch	Human Rights Commission event
Mon, 7 Dec	Wellington	Parliamentary Diwali Celebration	Office of the Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities and the Office of Ethnic Communities – Department of Internal Affairs
Weds, 9 Dec	Opononi	Opening of Manea Footprints of Kupe	General Manager, Manea Footprints
Thurs, 10 Dec	Wellington	Homeward Christmas Ball	British High Commission
Sat, 12 Dec	Auckland	APNA Network with APNZ TV and Radio APNA 990 Networking Event	CEO, Apna Network Radio Apna & Apna TV
Sun, 13 Dec	Auckland	Hanukkah Jewish Festival of Lights	President, Zionist Federation of New Zealand and President of Jewish National Fund New Zealand
Tues, 22 Dec	Wellington	Christmas Party	Kathy Parkin