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Tēnā koe Shane

OIA: 1326180 – Cloud infrastructure spend

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- *Please provide details of your total spend on cloud infrastructure over the last 5 years.*
- *Please break the costs down by financial year.*
- *Please break the costs down by cloud provider.*
- *Please limit it to the following cloud providers: AWS, Azure, Catalyst Cloud, Google Cloud.*

We have reconsidered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), following discussion with the Office of the Ombudsman.

The Ministry has not used Catalyst Cloud and Google Cloud for cloud infrastructure in the previous five years. As such, we are only providing costs for AWS and Microsoft Azure. Please see the below **Table 1** for total spend on cloud infrastructure to AWS and **Table 2** for total spend on cloud infrastructure to Microsoft Azure for the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

We are providing the requested data below in NZD (exclusive of GST). Any conversions from USD have been calculated using IRD midpoint exchange rates at the time of payment. Information on overseas currency and conversion rates is available here: <https://www.ird.govt.nz/managing-my-tax/overseas-currency-conversion-to-nz-dollars>. As the data we provided you in April 2024 was presented differently, in USD and NZD, this is not directly comparable to the data provided below.

Table 1 – Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Financial Year	Spend (\$)
2017/18	7,162.02
2018/19	41,165.45
2019/20	124,972.17
2020/21	173,747.68



Financial Year	Spend (\$)
2021/22	701,869.25
Total	1,048,916.57

Table 2 – Microsoft Azure

Financial Year	Spend (\$)
2017/18	304,182.24
2018/19	665,824.85
2019/20	462,788.56
2020/21	519,318.49
2021/22	772,419.04
Total	2,739,738.24

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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