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Tēnā koe Letty

OIA: 1318500 – Funding of policy staff to undertake tertiary studies

Thank you for your email of 2 October 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

I would like a breakdown of the funding provided to staff employed within policy roles for tertiary papers in the nature of that for degrees, masters degrees, or professional legal studies (profs), broken down by type of study, and amounts by year for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and for the current financial year up to 1 September 2023.

On 13 October 2023, you agreed to the Ministry's proposed refinement of your request, as follows:

We would be able to provide the amount paid as study assistance to staff in policy roles towards academic studies for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and for the current financial year up to 1 September 2023.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please refer to the table below for the information requested, with current year information presented as at 1 September 2023:

Financial year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Study assistance amount paid	\$4,205.01	\$6,001.95	\$3,827.91	\$3,062.46

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.



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



Andy Jackson

Hautū | Deputy Secretary

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