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Dear Jon

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request by email on 16 May 2015 for the following:

- A breakdown, by year for the last 5 years, of international conferences attended by Nga Whenua Rahui and/or DOC's Kahui Kaupapa Atawhai staff.
- The information provided includes the name of the conference, total cost to NWR\DOC for each conference (including conference registration, flights, staff purchases\claimed costs and all related expenses), number of staff who attended, and of those staff the number who have previously attended the same conference in prior years, and the justification for attendance.

Please find enclosed the information which you requested.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Luke'.

Andrew (Anaru) Luke  
Kaihautu, Te Tohu Huarahi  
for Director General

## **Nga Whenua Rahui / Kahui Kaupapa Atawhai International Conferences 2010-2015**

### **Year: 2010/2011**

Name of Conference: Interpretation Australia National Symposium, Tasmania.

Date: 10 - 12 November 2010

Number of Staff in attendance: 1

Total Costs: \$1484.95

Justification: Staff member invited to attend and present on Maori conservation interpretation in National Parks.

### **Year: 2011/2012**

Name of Conference: Parks Beyond Boundaries 5th International Parks Management & Leadership Conference, Adelaide.

Date: 22 - 24 May 2012

Number of Staff in attendance: 1

Total Costs: \$2071.89

Justification: Staff member was representing DOC at this conference on behalf of the Director-General.

### **Year: 2012/2013**

Name of Conference: World Indigenous Network (WIN) Conference, Darwin.

Date: 24 May – 30 May 2013

Number of Staff in attendance: 3

Total Costs: \$15,380.49

Justification: One staff member was a member of the Steering Committee for WIN and conference. This was the inaugural conference and staff were invited to attend and present on capability building and indigenous conservation management. Engagement with local indigenous communities and accompanying Maori leaders was also required during and after the conference.

### **Year: 2013/2014**

Name of Conference: Society for Conservation GIS Annual Conference (SCGIS), ESRI User International Conference, Tulalip Indian Reservation

Date: 05 – 27 July 2013

Number of Staff in attendance: 5

Total Costs: \$49,680.87

Justification: After the Nga Whenua Rahui (NWR) GeoMentor & GIS training group delivered a presentation "An indigenous ArcGIS Training Programme", at the Asia Pacific ESRI User Conference (APUC) in Auckland, which was also attend by Jack Dangermond, President of ESRI, Jack Dangermond personally invited a NWR/KKA contingent to submit their extract for presenting at the ESRI Conference in San Diego and present at the ESRI conference. The extract "An indigenous ArcGIS Training Programme", was submitted and accepted.

Jack Dangermond also introduced via email to the NWR GeoMentor, ESRI staff Charles Convis (founder of Society for Conservation GIS), David Gadsden & Anne Taylor (Tribal GIS Account Managers).

Anne Taylor arranged a visit with the Tualip Nation in Seattle and attendance at their North West Tribal GIS User Meeting and requested to present, to take place after the ESRI Conference. Presentations to be presented are: "An indigenous ArcGIS Training Programme", "Conservation isn't hard work...when youre passionate! (The NWR Story)" and "What does place really mean?".

One staff member provided cultural support for the attendees and also presented at both conferences.

**Year: 2014/2015**

Name of Conference: i.am Foundation, Society for Conservation GIS Annual Conference (SCGIS), ESRI User International Conference, United States.

Date: 07 – 30 July 2014

Number of Staff in attendance: 2

Total Costs: \$19,292.79

Justification: Engagement with other indigenous cultures and sharing the benefits of using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. Primarily to empower indigenous users to promote, protect and develop their traditional knowledge and enhance conservation management. Interaction with ESRI users in an international forum that also provides 16 hours of ESRI software training, presentations that share best practices and access to technical expertise. Following the conferences engagement with First Nation tribes were requested to workshop and share information in California, Arizona and Oregon.

Name of Conference: i.am Foundation, Society for Conservation GIS Annual Conference (SCGIS) and Scholarship, ESRI User International Conference

Date: 16 June – 30 July 2014

\* Number of Staff in attendance: 1

Total Costs: \$19,292.79

*\* This is the only staff member to have previously attended SCGIS & ESRI conferences in previous year (2013/2014).*

Justification: After fulfilling the GIS in Conservation (GiC) training component attendance at conferences was also part of the requirements of the SCGIS Scholarship. At the SCGIS conference the scholar is required to present relevant projects that they are involved with in their home countries. At the ESRI User International conference scholars engage with presenters, technical expertise and ESRI practitioners to further own GIS knowledge and skills.

Name of Conference: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Parks Congress, Sydney

Date: 13 – 20 November 2014

Number of Staff in attendance: 2

Total Costs: \$8703.85

Justification: To represent the Department of Conservation and to provide cultural leadership, advice and support to the Director General throughout the duration of the conference. And to present a paper on indigenous engagement at the conference.