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Laura O'Connell-Rapira
Via FYI website

Dear Ms O'Connell-Rapira

Thank you for your email of 20 May requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'I would like to know how much the climate change consultation has cost the taxpayer and if possible I would like to see the breakdown of the budget for the overall project please'

The scope of this request has been interpreted as the costs incurred by the Ministry for the Environment and any other Government departments during the preparation and implementation of the public consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution. Normal costs of staff time have not been included in our response.

The table below outlines the costs involved in the public consultation process, broken down into sub-categories.

Costs are still being finalised, and a number of invoices have not yet come in. Where possible we have provided exact costs, but in other cases we have provided the approximate costs. We expect that the total cost will be between \$105,000 and \$115,000. All costs exclude GST.

Item	Description	Approximate cost
Discussion document	Editing, designing, proof reading	\$9,852.20
	Printing	\$3,472.92
Video	Online animation to outline the consultation	\$8,250.00
Travel	Air travel for MFE staff to regional centres	\$21,000.00
	Car and bus hire, taxis and parking	\$1,810.00
	Accommodation and meals while travelling	\$5,900.00
Venues	Room hire, equipment and catering	\$21,831.30
Advertising	Newspapers	\$12,079.35
	Online	\$4,928.00
	Design of online advert	\$300.00
Temporary workers	At the Ministry for the Environment, to help with analysis of submissions	\$10,000.00
0800 phone line	Freephone general enquiry phone line	\$750.00
Other agencies' costs	Travel, accommodation and incidental costs for staff from other government departments	\$8,446.56
Approximate total		\$ 108,620.33

Under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Power". The "V" is large and stylized, with a loop at the top. The word "Power" is written in a cursive script.

Vera Power
Acting Director Climate Change
Ministry for the Environment