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Tēnā koe Erika

Official Information Act request: District Court judges' event at the Northern Club

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2024 to the Ministry of Justice requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information regarding a District Court judges' end of year event. Your request was as follows:

Would you kindly provide the following information: For the district court judges end of year event at the Northern Club, what was 1. the end of year budget for this end of year event 2. the actual cost from the budget 3. does this include alcohol and the bar tab from the Northern Club? 4. disbursements such as travel and overnight accommodation for Auckland city

I understand the judges who attended the end-of-year celebration at the Northern Club on 22 November paid for the event (including venue hire and catering) personally.

Under their terms and conditions, District Court judges are entitled to recover the cost of taxis used to attend functions when they are attending in their capacity as a judge. A check of payments processed in late December and paid out in January shows that a total of \$1941.91 (excluding GST) was paid for 19 trips to and from the event.

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If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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