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Dear Chris Blythe

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'I would like to know the budget and costs for the climate change target consultation. Can you provide a broad breakdown rather than just a total showing, Publications Workshops Travel and accomodation Consultants and staffing.

Can you also provide a similar breakdown for the cost of consultation on the change of flag'

On 3 August 2015 confirmed that the information about the flag consultation will be provided by the Electoral Commission.

It is important to note this response also incorporates a response to your request to Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment dated 31 July, 2015 that was transferred to the Ministry for the Environment.

The scope of this request has been interpreted as including 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. Costs of staff time have not been included in our response.

Public consultation on New Zealand's target occurred during the period 7 May – 3 June 2015. During the submission period 15 public meetings and hui were held across New Zealand and 17,023 written submissions were received from 15,639 submitters.

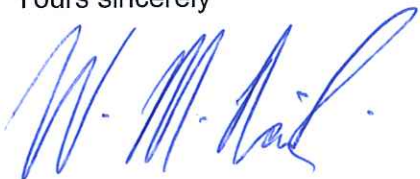
The table below outlines the costs involved in the public consultation process, broken down into sub-categories. Although the Ministry has made every attempt to be as accurate as possible, these costs could be subject to change. All figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Item	Description	Total (excl GST)
Discussion document	Designing, editing, proof-reading and printing of the consultation discussion document	\$ 13,326
Videoscribe	Design and production of online animation	\$ 8,250
Travel	Flights, taxis, car hire and accommodation for Ministry staff on the road	\$ 28,747
Venue hire and catering	Room bookings, technology/equipment hire, and catering for guests	\$ 22,110

Contractors	Analysis of submissions.	\$ 9,749
Phone line	Freephone general enquiry phone line	\$ 127
Incidental costs	Costs incurred by MFE staff working on the consultation	\$ 880
Other govt agencies	Travel, accommodation and incidental costs for staff from other government departments	\$ 8,447
Approximate total		\$ 108,944

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

Yours sincerely



Bill Naik
Acting Director Climate Change