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Sue Newton

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Dear Ms Newton

Official Information Act Request for Information on the All Blacks Announcement

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 2 September 2015 for "*please provide the total amount paid by the Government, including all secondary costs, to host the All Black Team Selection Event at Parliament on 31 August 2015. Please include a breakdown of those costs to include all items, wages, food, security, advertising, organisation and any other expenses involved with organising and hosting the event. Please also include a list of invited guests.*"

The hosting of the All Blacks squad announcement in relation to the Rugby World Cup (RWC) at Parliament was hosted by Hon Coleman, Minister for Sport and Recreation and organised by New Zealand Rugby. Any costs incurred with the hosting of the event, for example, catering were met by NZ Rugby. Similarly, the final list and any records of those who attended would be held by NZ Rugby. You will need to contact NZ Rugby for this information.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by staff from this Office to the event, and this Office liaised with NZ Rugby on arrangements for the Prime Minister's attendance. The only costs associated with this Office for the event would have been any costs involved with time spent by staff in this Office for this liaison and accompanying the Prime Minister. As this falls within the usual duties staff in this Office carry out every day, there is no specific information held on any costs incurred for this event.

Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the grounds "*That the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either-*

- (i) *Held by another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or a local authority; or*
- (ii) *Connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority."*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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