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Dear Ryan G

I refer to your email of 8 March 2016 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...information relating to the employment of a Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the TPP Roadshows/Hui's.

The roadshows/HUI's this request is related to are advertised on the TPP/MFAT website here: <https://www.tpp.mfat.govt.nz/events>

1. *What was the selection process for an MC for the TPP Roadshows/Huis?*
2. *What does full remuneration package for the MC of the TPP Roadshows/Huis include?*
3. *What is the dollar value of the remuneration package to be paid to the MC of the TPP Roadshow/Huis?*
4. *Which TPP Roadshows/Hui's will be hosted by an MC??"*

The purpose of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) roadshows and Hui is to ensure businesses are able to prepare to take advantage of new opportunities presented by TPP's entry into force, and to provide information of interest to the wider public and other stakeholders.

The selection process for the MCs of the initial TPP roadshows and Hui, held in March and April, involved candidates being identified and agreed in consultation between the Minister of Trade's Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

The moderator for the TPP Roadshows was paid a set fee of \$8000 to moderate all four roadshows. Additionally, actual and reasonable costs incurred, for example travel to and from the event, accommodation and meals, were paid for by MFAT, consistent with the Ministry's travel policy and utilising All of Government (AoG) agreements. MFAT staff were used to facilitate the Hui and thus a separate fee was not paid.

Finally, decisions are yet to be taken on whether a moderator will be required for any subsequent TPP roadshows.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Joana Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade