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Dear Mr Ross

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs from the office of Hon Paula Bennett on 1 June 2017. Your request sought the following information:

I request the following information in all your [Hon Paula Bennett] former Ministerial Government Roles/Portfolios and you current portfolios as Minister of Climate Change Issues, Deputy Prime Minister, Police, State Service, Tourism and Women:

- 1) \$NZD value of Tips/Gratuities and Koha given at Cafes, Bars and restaurants using a government issued credit card.*
- 2) \$NZD value of Tips/Gratuities and Koha given at Cafes, Bars and restaurants in New Zealand, that you claimed back as expenses.*
- 3) What is the percentage of your Tips/Gratuities and Koha when compared to the bills Net Total, when paying for your Cafe, Bar and Restaurant experiences, when expenses have using a government issued credit card, or been claimed back for your own expense, when in New Zealand.*

In response to question one I am able to inform you that no tips/gratuities or koha have been paid using a credit card issued to Hon Bennett during her ministerial tenure.

In response to question two Hon Bennett has not claimed back as expenses any tips/gratuities or koha during her ministerial tenure. Your final question is therefore not able to be answered as no tips/gratuities or koha have been recorded by Hon Bennett.

If you have any concerns with the decisions referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McConnell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew McConnell
General Manager
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