

17 December 2018

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Dear Mr Lane

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received by the State Services Commission on 29 November 2018, for the following:

*"I am interested knowing what services the NZ government has formally contracting or (more informally) otherwise used from the Facebook in the past 3 years.*

*Separately, I would also like to know how much the NZ government has paid for services provided by the Facebook in that term.*

*Last, is NZ government aware of the use of services listed on <https://politics.fb.com> being used by any NZ government agencies, departments, or government-owned organisations?"*

On 30 November 2018, we sought further clarification from you regarding your request and on 3 December confirmed we would be responding on behalf of the State Services Commission only. We advised you that you would need to contact each government agency, Crown Research Institute and University directly to obtain information pertaining to their contractual and financial relationship with the Facebook corporation.

The below table outlines the State Services Commission expenditure on Facebook services, broken down by financial years.

Financial year	Facebook services	Expenditure
2016/17	Nil	Nil
2017/18	Community engagement for the Open Government Partnership public consultation	\$698.00
2018/19 (as at 17 December 2018)	Community engagement for the review of the State Sector Act and the Protected Disclosures Act	\$105.76

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz).

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Bruce'.

Rachel Bruce  
Deputy Commissioner  
State Services Commission