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Joanna McLeod
By email: fyi-request-9159-29cafe87@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Joanna

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – OUR REFERENCE: IR-01-18-16870

I refer to your Official Information Act request emailed on 30 November, in which you asked: *“how many people from the New Zealand police attended the LGBTI awards in Auckland on November 29, and how much [did] it cost in total - including any travel expenses incurred”*.

In answer to your questions, I can confirm that five current New Zealand Police staff attended last week’s LGBTI 2018 Awards event in Auckland. A sixth Police employee had planned to attend, but was unable to on the night.

In relation to the costs of attendance, the direct costs – including the travel of the Wellington-based staff member who attended to represent the Commissioner (who was personally nominated for an award, but was unable to attend because he was overseas) totalled \$1,377. The travel component of this total involved return flights costing \$345 and ground transportation costs of \$32.

I trust the information provided satisfactorily addresses your questions. However, if you are not satisfied with my response, then as you may be aware, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Respectfully

Mike Webb
General Manager
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