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Dear James

**Response to your request for official information**

I refer to your request of 13 December 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*In March of this year, Ministry of Health Chief Technology Officer Ann-Marie Cavanagh spent \$10,000 of taxpayer money on a trip to Las Vegas to attend a health conference.*

*I would like the full breakdown of costs of the \$10,000 trip.*

In March 2018, the Chief Technology and Digital Services Officer attended the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) conference in the United States of America. HIMSS is a global, cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information and technology, and hosts the largest conference of its type in the world.

New Zealand uses the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM) to measure DHBs' digital maturity and is looking to apply the model to primary care as well which will give a benchmark against the rest of the world.

The costs from the Chief Technology and Digital Services Officer's attendance at the HIMSS conference are itemised in Appendix One.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Please note this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health's website.

Yours sincerely



Sue Gordon  
**Deputy Director-General  
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Start Date	End Date	Booking Travel Reason Description	Booking Itinerary Origin Airport City	Booking Itinerary Destination Airport City	Cars	Fees	Flights	Hotels	Other	Total
18/01/2018		Registration for HIMSS 2018 being held in Las Vegas.							1,122.04	1,122.04
28/01/2018		International Reception that is being held at the HIMSS18 conference in Las Vegas.							105.19	105.19
28/01/2018		workshops at the HIMSS18 conference in Las Vegas							1,178.24	1,178.24
4/03/2018	11/03/2018	Himss 2018 conference in Las Vegas	WELLINGTON	LAS VEGAS		\$ 181.10	\$ 5,088.07	\$ 2,086.60		7,365.77
4/03/2018		Taxi to the airport for the HIMSS2018 conference. Taxi card would not work.							40.00	40.00
4/03/2018		Taxi while in Las Vegas for the HIMSS2018 conference.							42.35	42.35
6/03/2018		Dinner in Las Vegas for the HIMSS2018 Conference.							41.24	41.24
6/03/2018		Taxi while in Las Vegas for the HIMSS2018 conference.							21.68	21.68
7/03/2018		Lunch while in Las Vegas for the HIMSS2018 conference.							18.24	18.24
7/03/2018		Lunch at the HIMSS2018 conference in Las Vegas							32.84	32.84
									\$	\$ 9,967.59

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