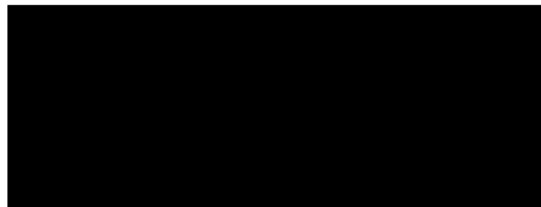




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On 23 May 2018 the Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins partially transferred to the Ministry of Education your request for the following information:

"A copy of the costs of the Secretary for Education and the Ministry's Chief Science Advisor trip to Lisbon, Singapore, London and Edinburgh.

A copy of all costs incurred at the International Summit on the Teaching Profession in Lisbon, by the President of the Post Primary Teachers' Association; the National President, NZEI Te Riu Roa; the President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation; the President of the Secondary Principals' Association New Zealand; a Māori medium teacher nominated by the Post Primary Teachers' Association; and the ECE representative from the NZEI Te Riu Roa national executive."

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The over-arching theme of the 2018 *International Summit on the Teaching Profession (ISTP)* was 'New Challenges and opportunities facing the teaching profession in public education', with particular attention paid to schools at the centre of their community, pedagogies for the future, and teacher wellbeing, confidence, efficacy and effectiveness.

Travelling to Lisbon, Singapore, London and Edinburgh allowed the Ministry to build and strengthen ministerial relationships with these and other European countries, supporting closer connections of the New Zealand education system, ensuring that New Zealand is linked to global practice and thinking in education.

The signing of the Singapore Education Co-operation Arrangement will lead to closer bilateral arrangements and discussions on opportunities for collaboration.

The travel also allowed for the development of a closer partnership with Scotland and a richer understanding of the similar challenges both systems face. Opportunities were identified for further learning to our Education programme and to support areas of work underway in Scotland, particularly in areas of equity and achievement in education.

During this time opportunities were identified for further connections with innovative thinking in digital education that support continued advancement of New Zealand policy and practice in this area.

Showcasing the New Zealand reform programme at the ISTP generated significant interest from a broad range of countries, promoting New Zealand as a forward thinking, globally relevant and quality provider of education.

I am providing you with a breakdown of the costs associated with the Secretary for Education and the Ministry's Chief Science Advisor's trip to Lisbon, Singapore, London and Edinburgh and the costs incurred at the ISTP in Lisbon by the Ministry of Education and members of the education sector. I have attached two tables detailing the costs as **Appendix A**.

The Ministry contributed travel, accommodation and expense costs for teachers and representatives of the education sector as we considered their attendance of critical importance, highlighting the collaborative approach of the New Zealand education sector. The presidents of the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) and NZEI Te Riu Roa covered their costs separately.

As the Ministry was not made aware of the costs incurred by both presidents of the PPTA and NZEI Te Riu Roa, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes responses to Official Information Act requests on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Sean Teddy
Deputy Secretary
Office of the Secretary for Education

Appendix A

Travel costs for Ministry of Education staff accompanying the Minister on ISTP:

Iona Holsted (Secretary for Education)		Cost (NZ\$)
Business/ premium economy class return flight Auckland – Lisbon		\$16,289.93
Accommodation Singapore (1 night)		\$510.14
Accommodation Edinburgh (1 night) ¹		\$nil
Accommodation London (2 nights)		\$561.29
Accommodation Lisbon (4 nights) ²		\$601.48
Meals & reasonable expenses		\$53.31
Sub-total		\$18,016.15
Stuart McNaughton (Chief Education Scientific Advisor)		Cost (NZ\$)
Business/ premium economy class return flight Auckland – Lisbon		\$15,920.00
Accommodation Singapore (1 night)		\$487.79
Accommodation Edinburgh (1 night)		\$241.67
Accommodation London (2 nights)		\$801.48
Accommodation Lisbon (4 nights) – includes food		\$588.50
Meals & reasonable expenses		\$37.30
Sub-total		\$18,076.74

Travel costs for teaching profession representatives travelling directly to Lisbon:

Whetu Cormick (President, NZPF)	Cost (NZ\$)	Michael Williams (President, SPANZ)	Cost (NZ\$)
Premium economy return flight Wellington – Lisbon	\$6,603.63	Premium economy return flight Wellington – Lisbon	\$6,268.00
Accommodation (4 nights)	\$1,241.45	Accommodation (4 nights)	\$1,260.40
Meals & reasonable expenses	\$122.48	Meals & reasonable expenses	\$0
Sub-total	\$7,967.56	Sub-total	\$7,528.40
Virginia Oakly (ECE representative, NZEI Te Riu Roa)	Cost (NZ\$)	Kerri-Ann Matahiki (Teacher, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kawakawa Mai Tawhiti)	Cost (NZ\$)
Economy return flight Wellington – Lisbon	\$2,979.73	Premium economy return flight Gisborne - Lisbon	\$6,432.23
Accommodation (5 nights)	\$1,657.43	Accommodation (4 nights)	\$1,245.00
Meals & reasonable expenses	Covered by relevant Union	Meals & reasonable expenses	Covered by relevant Union
Sub-total	\$4,637.16	Sub-total	\$7,677.23

¹ Stayed in private accommodation

² Two nights of accommodation were paid for by the ISTP organisers