



In an email dated 26 March 2018 to the Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, you requested the following information:

- *A guest list of those who have been invited to the Education Summit in Auckland to be held on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May, and a copy of the total budget for this event, or any information related to how much this event will cost;*
- *A guest list of those who have been invited to the Education Summit in Christchurch to be held Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May, and a copy of the total budget for this event, or any information related to how much this event will cost*

On 26 March 2018, your request was transferred to the Ministry of Education to respond to as the information you requested is more closely connected with the Ministry's functions. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

On 3 May 2018, we decided to grant your request, as per the conversation with Jonathan Ayling. It was agreed to provide the final costs once the second event had concluded. In addition we advised we will respond to your request regarding a list of attendees at this time.

Participation in the Education Summit events was by direct invitation from the Minister of Education. The Minister of Education wished to invite a wide cross-section of the community. This included children, young people, parents, whānau, teachers, adult learners, disabled people and families and whānau of children and young people with learning support needs, Māori, Pacific peoples, employers and industry leaders, along with researchers, disability organisations and education leaders at all levels.

The Ministry worked with stakeholder groups to help them identify possible participants for the Summit. Nearly 3,000 nominations were received for the 1,600 spaces across the two events. 1,845 invitations were sent, and around 1,400 people attended the two events.

Numbers were limited due to venue capacity and the need to spread invitations across many stakeholder groups and achieve the diversity of participants expected by the Minister.

A full guest list of those who were invited has been refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of the individuals. The information on the next page shows the representation of the different groups that attended each event.

Christchurch event

A third of participants were teachers or principals from early childhood education centres, primary and secondary schools, with another 9% from tertiary institutions. Parents, caregivers, students and young people made up another 20% of participants. Business people and employers were also represented, as were officials, speakers, teacher union representatives and representatives of wellbeing groups – these made up around 11%. Around 15% of people came from across the community, including those with a disability. While these groups of participants came from across all ethnic groups, 6% of participants were identified as coming from iwi and 4% from regional Pacific communities. A number of cross party MPs also attended.

Auckland event

Just over a quarter of participants were teachers or principals from early childhood education centres, primary and secondary schools, with another 7% from tertiary institutions. Parents, caregivers, students and young people made up another 19% of participants. Business people and employers were also represented, as were officials, speakers, teacher union representatives and representatives of wellbeing groups – these made up around 18%. Around 17% of people came from across the community, including those with a disability. While these groups of participants came from across all ethnic groups, 8.5% of attendees were identified as coming from iwi and 4% from regional Pacific communities. A number of cross party MPs also attended.

Cost breakdown

Over four days, the two Summit events engaged educators, parents and whānau, Māori, Pacific people, children, young people and adult learners, communities, researchers, people with disabilities and disability organisations, employers and industry.

This is the first time that education events of this kind have been held in New Zealand. We took a different approach to get an open-ended and genuine exchange of ideas. Each event had a 13-hour programme, with a continuous series of discussions taking place over two days. The Summit events were a critical part of an extensive engagement programme - the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga. The engagement model, materials and insights are being used to support the NCEA review meetings and workshops and fono and wānanga on the future of Pacific and Māori education, for example.

The costs of holding the two events in Christchurch and Auckland (including logistics, venue hire and catering, audio-visual, and travel and accommodation for participants) were \$1.413m and \$1.268m respectively. The Summit design (\$0.438m) has provided the Ministry with an engagement model, tools and resources that have been employed across the wider Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga and discussions on NCEA, Tomorrow's Schools and fono and wānanga on the future of Pacific and Māori education.

Thirty-three people's time was spent over ten weeks (or 580 work days) to design and deliver the Summits and input into the ongoing Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga.

To ensure an inclusive discussion, we were proactive in ensuring that the venues and the proceedings were accessible for people from the disability community so they could fully participate. This included providing sign language interpreters and chaperones to assist some disabled people to navigate the venues and ramps for accessibility.

A breakdown of the costs outlined in the attached table.

Education Summit and Education Conversation Kōrero Mātauranga Design	
Development of the design of the Summits, including pre-engagement with stakeholders, and preparing materials to be used during the events and in the ongoing Education Conversation.	\$438,460

Christchurch Summit	
Conference Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management and facilitation. 	\$328,845
Conference logistics: management of registration, travel and accommodation	\$80,674
Venue hire, set up and audio visual support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The venue was a large open space. The engagement model required a set- up of more than 100 working spaces to capture as much information as possible, in a variety of ways. 	\$517,032
Attendees and speakers, travel, accommodation, catering and print materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel and accommodation was provided for approximately 70% of participants across the two summits. - Regional participation was an important aspect of the Summit. People from across the country participated in the events. - Food was available throughout the day, as there were no formal breaks across 13 hours of participation. 	\$457,305
Accessibility New Zealand Sign Language interpreters and translation of materials into te reo Māori (Note: costs for student and disability chaperones are included under travel and accommodation and physical accessibility (ramps at venues) under venue set-up)	\$29,276
Total Christchurch Summit	\$1,413,132

Auckland Summit	
Conference Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management and facilitation. 	\$328,845
Conference logistics: management of registration, travel and accommodation	\$80,674
Venue hire, set up and audio visual support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The venue was a large open space. The engagement model required a set- up of more than 100 working spaces to capture as much information as possible, in a variety of ways. 	\$448,094
Attendees and speakers, travel, accommodation, catering and print materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel and accommodation was provided for approximately 70% of participants across the two summits. - Regional participation was an important aspect of the Summit. People from across the country participated in the events. - Food was available throughout the day, as there were no formal breaks across 13 hours of participation. 	\$396,331
Accessibility New Zealand Sign Language interpreters and translation of materials into te reo Māori (Note: costs for student and disability chaperones are included under travel and accommodation and physical accessibility (ramps at venues) under venue set-up)	\$14,306
Total Auckland Summit	\$1,268,250

Thank you for your patience in awaiting this information. Documents relating to the Education summits, their design and costs will be released proactively on the Ministry's website alongside a Cabinet paper on the summit events considered by Cabinet on 10 September 2018.

If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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