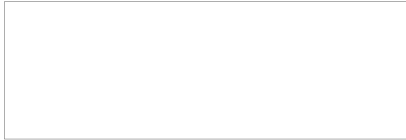




**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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- 7 SEP 2016



Attn:

On 12 July 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *A list of all artwork and art items owned by the organization, including a description, book value and replacement value (if known) of each. Please take a wide interpretation of 'artwork' such that it includes (but is not limited to) paintings, drawings, sculptures, portraits and public art. Please also feel free to include any additional information in relation to any art item, such as any photos held in your organisation's asset register.*
- *In relation to your organisation's leased office spaces*
 - *The total number of office-based staff utilizing the spaces;*
 - *The total amount in square meters;*
 - *The total cost for the financial year ending June 30 2016;*
 - *The total cleaning costs incurred by the organisation in relation to the spaces for the financial year ending June 30 2016 (including any costs associated with rubbish removal).*

The Ministry of Social Development is New Zealand's largest public service department employing more than 10,000 staff to provide services to over one million New Zealanders each year in over 200 locations.

As at 25 July 2016, the Ministry had 210,312 square metres of leased office floor space. The rental cost for all leased premises is \$43,333,872, and the cost to clean leased premises is \$4,340,021. Please note, that this does not include owned premises.

I can advise that the leased office space is currently being utilised by approximately 9,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. This does not include contractors. Please note that staff numbers are dynamic and change regularly, and that the Ministry also owns some buildings utilised by staff.

I am unable to provide you with a list of all artwork owned by the Ministry, including a description, book value and replacement value as this information is not centrally recorded by the Ministry. As such your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information you have requested is not held by the

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Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

I hope you find this information regarding artwork and leased office space helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'VC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vaughan Crouch
General Manager, Property and Facilities