



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

On 10 August 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the total amount spent on professional development for Brendan Boyle, Chief Executive (CE) for the Ministry of Social Development for each of the previous five financial years.

I understand that you have also made this request to the State Services Commission (SSC).

The Ministry has spent a total of \$17,886.70 towards the professional development of Mr Boyle over the last five financial years.

In 2013, Mr Boyle attended the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) in Melbourne, Australia at a cost of \$1,648.00. This includes the payment for travel, food, accommodation and the course.

ANZSOG is recognised globally as a leading provider of executive-level education for the public sector. ANZSOG is a not-for-profit organisation created by government for government, with the active collaboration of its member universities. Further information regarding ANZSOG is available at: www.anzsog.edu.au/about-us/about-anzsog

In 2014, Mr Boyle met with IBM senior executives for personal professional development in New York at a cost of \$16,238.70. This includes the payment of travel, accommodation and food expenses.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

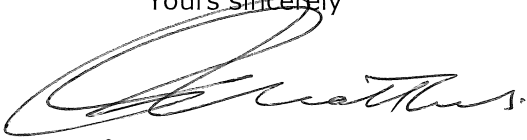
This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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