



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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To whom it may concern

On 23 January 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information regarding the Office for Seniors.

- *For the period beginning 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 a list of all expenditure items \$500 or more related to staff training (including media training), professional development and professional subscriptions and memberships paid your agency.*
- *Please provide amounts, date of payment(s) and a description of the training, subscription, membership and who (or what position) each expenditure related to.*

The Office for Senior Citizens is a part of the Ministry of Social Development, therefore staff can access the development opportunities in accordance with the Ministry of Social Development's protocols for learning and development.

The Ministry encourages the development of staff to enable them to deliver high quality deliverables. At the discretion of their manager staff may attend internal and external courses that may require a financial contribution by the Ministry.

The table below provides you with a description of the training attended broken down the number of staff who attended and the total amount the Ministry paid for learning and development courses in the 2016 calendar year:

<b>Training type</b>	<b>Title of staff member attended</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Six session Leadership Coaching	Senior Advisor Office for Seniors	\$2,100
Workshop	Senior Advisor Office for Seniors	\$845
Six session Leadership Coaching	Senior Advisor Office for Seniors	\$2,100
Conference	Senior Advisor Stakeholder Engagement	\$699
Training	Advisor Office for Seniors	\$595
Training	Advisor Office for Seniors	\$595
Training	Advisor Office for Seniors	\$595
Conference	Policy Manager	\$565
Coaching Development	Senior Advisor Stakeholder Engagement	\$1,602
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,696</b>

**Note:** All amounts are exclusive of GST.

The Office for Seniors has not paid any money to professional subscriptions or memberships in the last twelve months. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information does not exist.

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

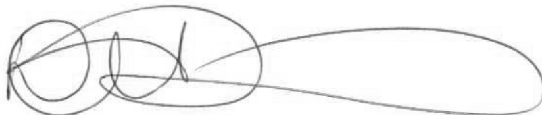
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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 shortly. 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.

If you wish to discuss this response regarding the spend of professional development for the Office of Seniors with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Diane Turner', written over a horizontal line.

Diane Turner  
**Director Office for Seniors**