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Dear [REDACTED]

On 6 November 2019, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The breakdown of costs for a Work and Income Staff event. In particular, how much (if any) was paid to E Tū Whānau and to the facilitators. This event was held at Pukemokimoki Marae in Napier, 30- 31 July 2019.*

On 30 and 31 July 2019, Ministry staff attended a hui that provided them with the opportunity to learn about and better understand Māori culture, as well as discuss Te Pae Tawhiti, the Ministry's strategic direction. You may be interested to read more about Te Pae Tawhiti here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/strategies/te-pae-tawhiti/index.html.

The Ministry paid \$700 to Pukemokimoki Marae Trust for this event, which covered the cost of the venue hire. Additionally, food and supplies to a sum of \$973.99 were purchased from Pak'nSave. These costs are exclusive of GST.

I can confirm that nothing was paid to E Tū Whānau or the facilitators of the event.

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. 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 with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response about the event held at Pukemokimoki Marae in July 2019, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bridget Saunders', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bridget Saunders

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