



23 December 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2024, requesting information about the amount the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) spent on building warrants of fitness in the past year.

On 13 December 2024, you refined your request to:

- *I am looking to find out specifically the direct costs incurred, including on contractors and consultants, for conducting the building warrant of fitness process for your agency's buildings. I am not seeking information on the remedial costs associated with making buildings compliant.*
- *Also to refine the timeframe for FY 24 - 1 Jul 2023 to 30 June 2024, and the costs to exclude GST.*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

For the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, the Ministry spent \$7,703.02 (GST excluded) on building warrants of fitness (BWoF) for the five premises we own. The BWoF cost includes consultant time to prepare the application, and the application submission to local councils. It does not include maintenance and inspections, which is not considered a compliance cost.

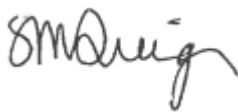
The Ministry occupies an additional 140 premises which are under lease arrangements. BWoF compliance for these premises is the responsibility of the building owner.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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