



3 July 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2025, requesting information about any communications or cost estimates relating to Youth Parliament 2025.

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

Question 1. All communications (emails, letters, etc) between the Ministry of Youth Development and either:

- *The Office of the Speaker of the House, or*
- *The Office of the Clerk of the House*

regarding Youth Parliament 2025 to the date of this request.

On 4 June 2025 the Ministry emailed you to inform you that this part of your request was very broad and would likely be refused on the basis of substantial manual collation as it was worded. The Ministry invited you to refine this part of your request however, to date, we have not received a response from you.

This part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

Question 2. Any cost estimates, budget forecasts, or financial planning documents related to the running or support of Youth Parliament 2025.


Please see the **Appendix** which provides the Youth Parliament 2025 Budget Overview, which provides itemised Budget Costs and Tracking Costs. Please note the budget is based on the costs associated with delivering previous Youth Parliaments, held every three years. Final costs will not be known until the end of the programme on 28 August 2025. The information included within the Appendix is as at 18 May 2025.

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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Appendix

Youth Parliament 2025: Budget Overview (as at 18 May 2025)

Item	Budget Cost	Tracking Cost
Catering	\$65,000	\$40,096
Travel (airfares, taxi fares, car parking, buses, car hire etc)	\$65,000	\$45,260
Accommodation	\$55,000	\$49,691
Professional services (first aid training, photographer, NZ Sign Language interpretation)	\$9,500	\$5,500
Documentation production, printing, stationery and consumables	\$8,000	\$3,999
Contingency	\$12,000	NA
Sub total	\$214,500	\$144,546
Staffing		
Dedicated project staff	\$200,000	Tracking to budget
Total estimated cost	\$414,500	