



25 March 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2025, requesting the total cost of Youth Parliament 2024 including breakdown of expenses such as travel and accommodation.

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

Each parliamentary term, Youth Parliament is an opportunity for around 140 young people, aged 16 – 24 years, to learn about and experience the New Zealand political process, as Youth members of Parliament (MPs) and Youth Press Gallery members. The programme provides an opportunity for young people from around New Zealand to learn first-hand about the country's democratic system, how to influence decision-making, and actively work and be heard on topics and issues they are passionate about by key decision-makers, other young people and the general public. As the last Youth Parliament was held in 2022 and it is held every three years, there is no Youth Parliament 2024. The Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) is currently in the process of delivering Youth Parliament 2025.

As there is no Youth Parliament 2024, your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

More information on Youth Parliament 2025 can be found here:

- www.myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-parliament/youth-parliament-2025.html.

MYD has previously released the cost of Youth Parliament 2022, which can be found here:

- www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2023/march/28032023-information-about-the-cost-of-youth-parliament-2022.pdf.

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 regarding Youth Parliament, 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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