



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Act Request

Our Ref: OIA 2026-0033, OIA 2026-0051, OIA 2026-0059, OIA 2026-0071, OIA 2026-0075

As per our response to you dated 30 April 2026, please find enclosed the training and development opportunities that have been requested by and/or approved for the Chief Executives of the Ministry of Social Development, the Department of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Primary Industries and the Ministry of Health for the past five financial years broken down by the training or development programme, the provider and the total costs per participant broken down by course fees, accommodation, flights and travel and any other associated costs.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed document on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Dirks

Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services
Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission

Agency Chief Executive	Year	Approved Training / Development Programme	Provider / Country	Attended	Course / Tuition Costs	Accommodation Costs	Travel Costs	Other Associated Costs
Ministry of Health	2022	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	Yes	\$8,995	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ministry of Health	2025	Executive Public Leaders Programme	Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, Great Britain	Yes	\$33,898.31	N/A	\$10,263	N/A
Department of Internal Affairs	2020/21	Executive Learning Group course	Acacia Jeff Whalan Learning Group (JWLG) – Growing Exceptional Leaders, Australia	Yes	\$10,205	Attended online		
Department of Internal Affairs	2024/25	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	No				
Ministry of Social Development	2021/22	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	Yes	\$9,421.74	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ministry of Social Development	2024/25	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	Yes	\$6,782.61	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	2021/22	Executive Learning Group course	Acacia Jeff Whalan Learning Group (JWLG) – Growing Exceptional Leaders, Australia	No				
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	2023/24	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	No				
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	2024/25	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	No				
Ministry of Primary Industries	2020/21	Development Programme	Government Health Safety Lead Officer Development Programme, New Zealand	Yes	\$458.33	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ministry of Primary Industries	2021/22	Executive Learning Group course	Acacia Jeff Whalan Learning Group (JWLG) – Growing Exceptional Leaders, Australia	Yes	\$8,040.42	Attended online		
Ministry of Primary Industries	2022/23	Executive Learning Group course	Acacia Jeff Whalan Learning Group (JWLG) – Growing Exceptional Leaders, Australia	Yes	\$8,470.08	Attended online		
Ministry of Primary Industries	2023/24	Executive Learning Group course	Acacia Jeff Whalan Learning Group (JWLG) – Growing Exceptional Leaders, Australia	Yes	\$8,997.02	\$872.87	\$1,369.95	N/A
Ministry of Primary Industries	2023/24	Company Directors’ Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	No				

Ministry of Primary Industries	2024/25	Executive Learning Group course	Acacia Jeff Whalan Learning Group (JWLG) – Growing Exceptional Leaders, Australia	Yes	\$9,392.67	\$732.60	\$1,337.51	N/A
Ministry of Primary Industries	2024/25	Company Directors' Course	Institute of Directors New Zealand	No				