



27 September 2019

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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2019-0228

I refer to your official information request received on 4 September 2019 for:

"Of the \$13,937 that the State Services Commission received from the Official Development Assistance programme in 2018, how much has been spent to date, and what specific activities has this been spent on or is planned to be spent on?"

On 10 September 2019, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) advised that they would be responding to your request on behalf of all agencies with a high-level table of the various activities agencies had spent this funding on.

The MFAT advised you that during the financial year 2018/19, the State Services Commission (SSC) received \$13,937 from the Official Development Assistance Programme and spent this on the Myanmar Civil Service Capacity Building Activity.

During 19-25 May 2019, the two SSC officials travelled to Myanmar to assist the Myanmar Government's understanding of Public Service design, learning and leadership development, and machinery of government matters. This amount was spent on their flights, accommodation, meals and local travel costs.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.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) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks'.

Nicky Dirks
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State Services Commission