



29 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 15 November 2022. You requested the following:

- *What was the total cost of all masks supplied to the public since the beginning of covid (30 March 2020 until now)? Please separate out by mask type i.e medical mask, N95, P2 particulate respirator etc.*
- *What is the cost budgeted for future mask expenditure over the next 2 years.*

### Mask expenditure at Inland Revenue

Inland Revenue cannot provide the total cost of all masks supplied to the public since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic as we are unable to differentiate between masks purchased and supplied to employees and to the public.

Inland Revenue's front-of-house services were open to the public during Alert level 1 and the Green and Orange settings of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. During these settings, masks were available for the public. However, as Inland Revenue offices had signage advising masks were required upon entry, most visitors to our offices already had a mask prior to entering.

For the reasons outlined above, I have therefore decided to refuse the first part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist despite our reasonable efforts to locate it.

Although I cannot provide the total costs of masks supplied to the public, I have provided the total cost of masks purchased by Inland Revenue broken down by the type of mask in the table below. As mentioned above, these masks have been supplied to Inland Revenue employees as well as being available to visitors to Inland Revenue offices.

Mask type	Total cost
Disposable Surgical Mask	\$36,281.95
3 Ply IIR Masks	\$5,900.00
3M P2 Respirator	\$719.20
3 Ply Type IIR Face Masks	\$1,657.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,558.15</b>

In response to the second part of your request, Inland Revenue does not have a set budget for future mask expenditure.

### **Right of Review**

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: [CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz](mailto:CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz).

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

### **Publishing of OIA response**

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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