



22 November 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 18 November 2024. You requested the following:

- *The total budgeted for christmas/new year bonuses to staff this year.*
- *If this will not be the same across each role please break this down by pay grade and the total for each grade.*
- *If you do not reward by pay grade but some other method please specify this and give a breakdown of this.*

Inland Revenue does not pay Christmas or new year bonuses to its staff. Consequently, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You may be interested in our [response to 24OIA1527](#), about end-of-year expenditure on bonuses, presents, Christmas decorations, gatherings, and office closures for 2022 and 2023. This information is available on our website at [2024 responses to OIA requests](#).

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.

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.

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

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety.

Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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