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File Ref: OIA 50290



Tēnā koe 

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 11 October 2024. You asked for the following information:

*“Specifically, I request the following information:*

- *The total expenditure related to remote workers travelling to a workplace office.*
- *A detailed breakdown of the following for each trip, categorised by fiscal year 2022, 2023, and 2024:*
  - *Destination*
  - *Purpose of travel*
  - *Number of attendees*
  - *Flight costs*
  - *Accommodation costs (for the duration of the trip)*
  - *Meal costs (for the duration of the trip)*
  - *Other travel-related costs (e.g., taxi, Uber, etc.)*

*Please distinguish between domestic travel and international travel”*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Te Puni Kōkiri does not have a set definition for what constitutes a remote worker. As such, we have taken a remote worker to mean any employee (not contractor or consultant) that does not have a home office, or has a home office that is not in New Zealand. We have carried out this request in accordance with this interpretation.

We have performed a search through our employees for the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years and have identified one employee who fits the description.

We have performed a search through data provided by our travel providers for the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years and have found the following:

- 2021/22 – two trips noted, but neither relate to travelling to a workplace office
- 2022/23 – No trips noted
- 2023/24 – No trips noted.

Therefore, we have nil expenditure related to remote workers travelling to a workplace office for the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at [uia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:uia@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi



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