

21 September 2020



Thank you for your email of 24 July 2020 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. *All staff credit and purchase card statements for your agency from the 1st of March 2020 until the 30th of May 2020.*
2. *A list of items of expenditure. Including entertainment, staff expenses, travel, furniture, telecommunications and computer peripherals purchased or paid for between the 1st of March 2020 and 30th of May 2020.*
3. *A list of all staff reimbursements made within the same period.*

You clarified that the information you are seeking relates to total spend, not only those related to COVID-19.

I have attached a report of purchase card statements Kāinga Ora received between 1 March and 30 May 2020 in Appendix A. You will see that not all statements are displayed in New Zealand dollars. This is because some items or services were pre-approved purchases from companies based overseas, and the statements reflect this. Note that items listed under the “Entertainment” category relate to staff expenses for food and non-alcoholic beverages for business meetings, business development, and planned training activities. These costs were largely incurred in March prior to the COVID-19 lockdown.

Below are the total Kāinga Ora expenses incurred during the timeframe you specify.

**Total Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities expenses from 1 March 2020 to 30 May 2020**

Category	Total
Computer peripherals	\$2,632,752.89
Furniture	\$960,061.00
Travel	\$372,015.82
Telecoms	\$692,464.44
Entertainment food and beverage	\$72,192.58
Staff Expenses	\$765,726.39

Furniture and computer peripherals largely represent planned programmes already underway and are therefore separate from the Kāinga Ora lockdown response. They include end-of-lease location moves

for our working bases in Auckland and Wellington, and a technology upgrade to replace end-of-life equipment nationwide.

Staff reimbursements made between 1 March and 30 May 2020 are attached in Appendix B. Please note that some purchases may have been made prior to 1 March 2020, but the staff member was reimbursed after this date. Staff names have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect privacy.

Chief Executive expenses are not included. These can be viewed on the Kāinga Ora website at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/chief-executives-expense-reports/>. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under 18(d) as the information is publicly available.

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.

Yours sincerely



**Matthew Needham**