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Official Information Act request: 2022 and 2023 Leaders Forum

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) leaders' forum. Specifically, you requested:

Could I please request the following information regarding the Ministry of Justice's 'People Leaders Forum' that took place in 2022. Could I please get the requested information for the Ministry of Justice's 'People Leaders Forum' that took place in 2023 too.

- 1. The cost of the forum, including food and recreation and broken down by day and activity if possible.*
- 2. The number of attendees*
- 3. The content of the forum*

The Ministry's 2022 leaders' forum was a one-day online event on 29 November 2022. The content for the first session focused on a refreshed strategy for the Ministry, while the content for the second session focused on employee wellbeing.

The first session was attended by 419 people, and the second session by 388 people. The second session was repeated, for those who had missed it, on 8 December 2022 - a further 55 people attended.

The only invoiced cost for the 2022 leaders' forum was for workshops on wellbeing. These workshops cost a total of \$6,123.25 (GST excluded).

Turning to your request for information relating to the 2023 leaders' forum: this forum followed the publication of the *Te Tāhū o te Ture | Ministry of Justice Statement of Intent 2023-2027* in February this year.¹ The forum aimed to connect leaders with the Ministry's purpose, values, and strategic priorities, and explore how the refreshed strategy could be reflected in leadership practice.

The first day was attended by 207 people and the second day by 209 people. For a breakdown of 2023 forum activities, please refer to the table in Appendix 1 attached. The following table provides costs related to this event.

¹ Available from: [Corporate publications | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#)

Activity	Total cost amount (GST excluded)
Venue	\$25,036.00
Catering	\$34,963.00
Accommodation	\$19,825.62
Travel costs (flights and car rental)	\$22,026.54
Forum design, facilitation and resources (video and photographer)	\$47,075.00
Total:	\$148,926.16

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1: 2023 leaders' forum sessions

DAY 1: 10:00AM – 4:30PM Connecting to our purpose, values, and priorities	
9:00 am	Arrival, tea/coffee and refreshments
10:00am	Whakawhanaungatanga and scene setting
10:45am	Understanding our 'why'
12:30pm	Guest Speaker: Hon Kiri Allan, Minister of Justice and Minister for Regional Development
1:00pm	LUNCH
2:00pm	How can we better respond to how our communities experience Justice?
2:30pm	Creating strategic alignment: Storytelling
3:15pm	Creating strategic alignment: A premortem exercise
4:15pm	Reflections and close
4:30pm	Close of Day 1

6:00pm	Dinner at Pipitea Marae Guest speaker: Hon Rino Tirikatene, Minister for Courts and Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth
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DAY 2: 9:00AM – 3:00 PM Leading with intent	
8:30am	Tea and coffee
9:00am	Reaffirming intentions through reflection
9:35am	Deepening our connection to Our Values
10:35am	MORNING BREAK
11:00am	Leadership at te Tāhū o te Ture
12:30pm	LUNCH
1:30pm	Leadership in practice
2:15pm	Reflections and acknowledgements
3:00pm	Close of Day 2