



17 November 2023

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By email: ██████████

Tēnā koe ████████,

**Re: Official information request regarding ‘Our Voices: The journey to healthy futures’ expenditure**

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 24 October 2023, relating to ‘Our Voices: The journey to healthy futures’ expenditure’.

You asked for detailed information on the following expenditure:

1. Total spending on speakers.
2. Total spending on flowers for the event.
3. Total cost incurred for furniture hire.
4. Total cost for room hire.
5. Catering expenditure.
  - a. Please breakdown as far as possible.
6. Total travel costs for attendees from all over New Zealand.
  - a. Please highlight if any travel was international.
  - b. Please also breakdown in terms of fuel reimbursement or flights.
7. Attendance figures.
8. Any costs associated with advertising the event either online or through more traditional means.
9. Was the event available online or were the speaker’s presentations available online?

Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission (Te Tāhū Hauora) has completed your request in full.

I note that some of the information you have requested has already been provided to you in a previous official information response (HQSC219-2023). I have attached that response for your information.

#### *Total spending on speakers*

As per our response in HQSC219-2023, the total spending on speakers was \$37,489. This figure includes flights, accommodation, and other travel expenses for speakers.

#### *Total spending on flowers for the event*

Te Tāhū Hauora did not purchase any flowers for this event; however, there were some plants included in the set hire. These costs are included in the furniture and set hire amount below.

#### *Total cost incurred for furniture hire*

Total spending incurred for furniture and set hire was \$2,625. This is also included in the total cost for room hire.

#### *Total cost for room hire*

As per our response in HQSC219-2023, the total spending on room hire was \$32,022 (this includes audio visual equipment costs and \$2,625 incurred for furniture and set hire).

#### *Catering expenditure*

As per our response in HQSC219-2023, the total spending on catering and non-alcoholic beverages was \$54,336.

This cost includes tea and coffee on arrival, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and costs associated with a networking function which served non-alcoholic beverages.

The catering cost was based on 440 attendees. Due to sickness and attrition, there were 377 attendees in total.

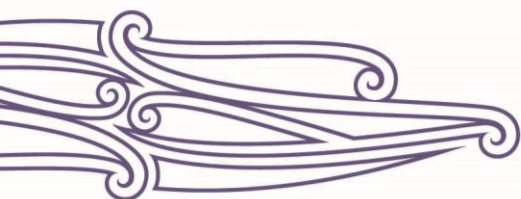
#### *Total travel costs for forum attendees from all over New Zealand*

The total travel costs for sponsored consumer attendees was \$11,397.

The total travel costs for Te Tāhū Hauora staff was \$8,711. Te Tāhū Hauora staff who attended were there to either support the event or receive professional development.

There was no international travel for the event.

Reimbursement for ground transport was \$871.



*Attendance figures*

As per our response in HQSC219-2023, 377 people attended the event.

*Any costs associated with advertising the event either online or through more traditional means*

As per our response in HQSC219-2023, the total spending on advertising was \$557.

*Was the event available online or were the speaker's presentations available online?*

This event was not available online.

You may be interested in the PowerPoint slides used in the workshops. These are available on our website (<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/events/our-voices-the-journey-to-healthy-futures/>). We also provided a link to the evaluation in our previous response.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us at info@hqsc.govt.nz. If you would like to add any additional information relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that this can be included.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under s 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

**Please note that Te Tāhū Hauora publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address, or contact details.**

Nāku noa, nā

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**Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission**

