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Tēnā koe

## Official Information Act request relating to Christmas/New Year Bonuses to Staff 2024

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

- "...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..."

In response to the first part of your request, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) does not have a budget for bonuses or any other type of additional reward for Christmas or the New Year. Nor does the National Emergency Management Agency, which is a departmental agency hosted by DPMC.

I am therefore refusing the subsequent parts of your request for a breakdown of bonuses by pay grade, and the total for each grade, under section 18(e) of the Act – the information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā,

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