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Ref: PS OIA 16-215



Dear [Redacted]

Request under the Official Information Act

On behalf of the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) I acknowledge receipt, on 10 August 2016, of your letter dated 1 August 2016 in which you request the following information:

- The total amount spent by Customs on professional development for its Chief Executive for each of the last five financial years, by supplier.

This information is set out in the table below.

Chief Executive professional development expenses			
Financial year	Expenditure	Supplier	Amount
2011/12	-	-	\$0.00
2012/13	-	-	\$0.00
2013/14	annual membership	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	\$15,994.18
2014/15	annual membership	Jeff Whalan Learning Group	\$14,653.64
	Chairing the Board two-day workshop	Institute of Directors in New Zealand	\$2,149.00
2015/16	Audit and Risk Committee Director 1 day course	Institute of Directors in New Zealand	\$815.00

You may not be aware that in 2010 the State Services Commissioner introduced a disclosure regime for chief executive expenses, gifts and hospitality. Under this regime public service chief executives must now publish this information on their agency's website annually, for the full financial year, by the third week of July.

Information relating to the total amount spent by Customs on professional development for its Chief Executive was only contained in our most recent disclosure on our website (www.customs.govt.nz) as the guidance relating the chief executive expense disclosures has not been specific on this point. We are aware that the State Services Commission is looking at improvements to the existing guidance to give agencies more clarity on what information they are expected to include in future.

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Please feel free to contact the Correspondence, Reviews, and Ministerial Servicing team via email at OIA@customs.govt.nz if you have any questions or concerns relating to this response.

Yours sincerely



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