



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2019 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *How much money was spent on new furniture in 2017 and in 2018?*
- *Please breakdown the total cost by year.*
- *Please also include what the most expensive item of furniture was in 2017 and in 2018 and how much they cost each.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

A breakdown on total spent by the Ministry on new furniture, and the purpose for the purchase, for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years is provided in the table below:

Purpose of purchase	Financial Year		
	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	
Relocation	\$ 1,380,103.75	\$ 134,410.00	
Renovation		\$ 647,086.00	
Additional Desks - Staff Growth		\$ 15,450.00	
Total	\$ 1,380,103.75	\$ 796,946.00	\$ 2,177,049.75

The furniture purchased in 2016/17 included \$985,000 for the co-location in Christchurch to the CBD as part of the Christchurch revitalisation.

The most expensive item of furniture purchased by the Ministry in the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 was for a 4-Seater Media Booth for \$11,316.00. The media booth serves to function as an alternative to the construction of a more expensive room as it avoids building additional walls within a Ministry office.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media.team@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Zoe Griffiths', is positioned above the typed name.

Zoe Griffiths
Deputy Secretary
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