



12 August 2021

Dear

26 JULY 2021: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 26 July 2021 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I am interested in the cocktail reception the NZFC hosted in conjunction with the New Zealand Consul-General in March 2020 in Los Angeles. Please provide:


- *The venue*
- *The date*
- *The total number of guests*
- *The number of NZFC and Consul-General Staff who attended*
- *The number of NZFC staff who flew to the US for the event*

I would also like a full breakdown of the FCC's expenditure on this event. Please ensure this expenditure includes, but is not limited to

- *Promotional activities*
- *Venue hire*
- *Equipment hire*
- *Catering (broken down as per below)*
 - *Contractor costs*
 - *Food*
 - *Drinks*
- *Other contractors (e.g. sound, lighting)*
- *Speaker fees*
- *Accommodation*
 - *Hotel bookings*
 - *Minibar and room service*
- *Associated travel costs (broken down as per below)*
 - *Flights*
 - *Taxi/chauffeur/rideshare services*
 - *Travel allowances*
 - *Meals and entertainment*

Please indicate the extent to which any of the event's costs were shared by the Consul General (and whether or not those costs have been included in the expenditure breakdown).

Answers to your specific questions are set out below.



The event was not held, it was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Intended venue: Consul-General's Residence, 154 S. Rockingham Ave, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Date: Thursday 12 March 2020

Total number of guests invited: 257

Number of guest RSVPs: 81

Consul-General staff invited: Four (included in total count above)

New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) staff originally planned to travel: Four

The NZFC managed the logistics for the event, with the Consulate-General hosting. The guest list was controlled by the NZFC.

No costs were incurred for this event due to a combination of:

- most payments not being made at the time the event was cancelled; and
- where payments had been made, these costs were reimbursed in full to the NZFC (e.g. airfares and accommodation).

Please note that we will be publishing this letter (with your personal information removed) on the NZFC website.

You have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely



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