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Dear Andrea

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, costs for:

- Christmas decorations in 2013
- Christmas gifts purchased in 2013
- Christmas parties/functions/lunches for staff and or clients in 2013'

The NZ Transport Agency to date has not completed its accounts up to and including January and is therefore unable to give totals of monies spent on Christmas decorations or Christmas gifts purchased in 2013. These parts of your request are therefore declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

The Transport Agency does not fund Christmas functions for staff. However it does make an annual one-off contribution to the social clubs. It is at the social clubs' discretion as to how much they fund any Christmas functions.

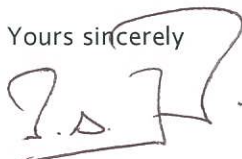
The Transport Agency does not pay for Christmas lunches for staff or clients.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to decline parts of your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
Wellington

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, National Media Manager, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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