

Reference: 20220513

14 December 2022



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 29 November 2022.
You requested:

- *The total budget for your department's Christmas party/parties for 2022 and 2021. Please separate costs for each year.*
- *The number of parties that were or will be held in each year.*
- *The number of staff who attended (or are expected to attend) each year's party/parties.*
- *The location of the venue/s for each year.*
- *A breakdown of the costs by expense type for each year's party/parties, including (where applicable) but not limited to the following:*
 - o *Accommodation*
 - o *Catering (e.g., beverages, crockery, food, glassware)*
 - o *Consultation with relevant stakeholders*
 - o *Decorations (e.g., Christmas tree, lights)*
 - o *Entertainment (e.g., guest speaker/s, live music)*
 - o *Planning*
 - o *Travel to and from the venue (e.g., bus hire, flights)*
 - o *Venue*

Information being released

I have decided to release the following information and no information is being withheld.

The Treasury does not have a budget for a Christmas party. Each year the Treasury pays \$20.00 per head to the Treasury Social Club for each employee. The Treasury Social Club organises any end of year celebration and is a separate entity from Treasury, therefore Treasury is unable to provide details on the venue and catering.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glenn McStay', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or stamp.

Glenn McStay
Chief Financial Officer