



4 July 2017



Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request for amount spent on taxis, Uber, and other ride-sharing apps

Our ref: 2017/0068

I refer to your official information request received on 14 June 2016 for:

- Details of the amount spent by your organisation on taxis, from 1 June 2016 until 1 June 2017
- Details of the amount spent by your organisation on Uber, or other similar ride-sharing apps, from 1 June 2016 until 1 June 2017
- Any policies or guidance that is followed by your organisation regarding staff use of taxis or Uber.

The State Services Commission (SSC) spent \$22,531.30 (excluding GST) in total on taxis and Uber and other ride-sharing apps from 1 June 2016 to 1 June 2017, of which \$18,253.14 was spent on taxis, and \$4,278.16 on ride-sharing apps).

SSC's taxi costs vary per year depending on SSC's work requirements. For your information, the total amount spent by SSC on taxis in previous years is as follows:

Financial Year	Amount
2015/16	\$35,016.51 (includes \$32,574.72 for taxis and \$2,441.79 on ride-sharing apps)
2014/15	\$41,579.50 (includes \$41,514.99 for taxis, and \$64.51 on ride-sharing apps)
2013/14	\$31,000 (for taxis only)
2012/13	\$16,000 (for taxis only)

SSC's internal policies are publicly available. SSC's Travel Policy can be found at http://www.ssc.govt.nz/upload/downloadable_files/travel-policy-ssc.pdf. We are currently reviewing our internal policies to ensure they are fit for purpose as part of our regular risk and assurance work programme.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on SSC's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'R Bruce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Bruce
Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Services