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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- How much money was spent on furniture in 2017 and in 2018
- Please breakdown cost by each year
- Please also include what the most expensive item of furniture was in 2017 and in 2018 and how much they cost each
- And I ask that anything within the spirit of this request that is not mentioned be included in the response

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has extracted the following information on furniture expenditure for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years, including the most expensive item for each year.

Furniture spend

	2017	2018
Total spend for the year	\$277,014	\$14,538.65
Breakdown of cost	MfE was forced out of Environment House following the Kaikoura earthquake. We moved back to the building end of 17' and purchased a large amount of collaborative furniture and lockers. This was to enable us take a more flexible and fit for purpose approach to the way we work, in line with other government agencies.	Replacement desk and chairs
Most expensive item purchased	The most expensive piece of furniture for this year was a seating modular set at \$3088. We purchased 6 of these for around the building as part of the collaborative furniture. With reduced meeting spaces this allows for teams and projects to come together and create short term activity based hubs	The most expensive piece of furniture for this year was an A-frame white board which was purchased for \$2036

Notes:

- 2017 expenditure was elevated due to the Kaikoura earthquake that occurred in November 2016. Staff were relocated to alternative accommodation while strengthening work was done to

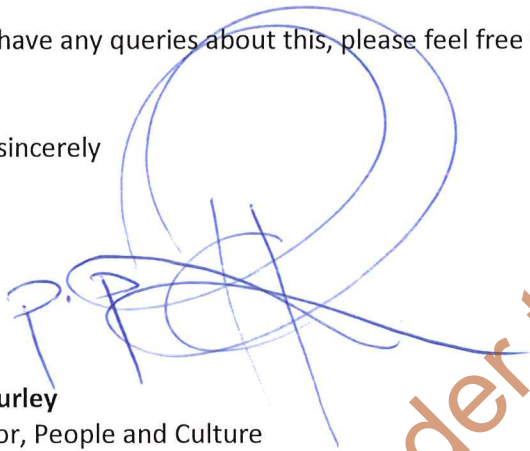
Environment House. Staff moved back to the building end of 2017 and MfE took the opportunity to modernise the work space, including investing in new tables, lockers and desks.

- 2018 expenditure includes replacement for older desks and chairs.
- To purchase a single desk cost is approximately \$1000.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment will publish responses to most of our requests for official information on our web site shortly after the response has been sent to you.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely



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