



25 August 2025

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Thank you for your email of 28 July 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

I request the following information:

1. *A copy of your agency's gift register covering the period 1 January 2023 to today, including:*
 - o Date gift was received and by who*
 - o Description of the gift*
 - o Estimated value (if known)*
 - o Name of the person or organisation who provided the gift*
 - o Recipient's role or team within the agency*
 - o Whether the gift was accepted, declined, or otherwise disposed of*
2. *A copy of your agency's current policy or guidelines relating to the acceptance, declaration, or handling of gifts, hospitality, or koha.*

I respond to each part of your request below.

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In response to your first request, I am providing one document titled *Ministry for the Environment Gift Registry* for the period 1 January 2023 – 28 July 2025.

Please note that the Ministry reports all corporate gifts and hospitality accepted by its staff each year in its Annual Review. The latest 2023/2024 Annual Review of the Ministry for the Environment is available on the Parliament website at: https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCENV_EVI_46dc8331-b0b8-43fe-6fd7-08dceb31e9f_ENV76964/88b2b4bd353632e61f287709e57f03283b0fb789.

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The Ministry's policy on accepting gifts from external organisations is to only accept gifts or hospitality of a very minor nature and to disclose all gifts and benefits received over the value of \$20. It is not appropriate for staff to accept any gifts from anyone who is, or may be, part of any procurement processes they are involved in. The Ministry's policy on accepting corporate gifts or hospitality has not changed from previous years.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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