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Thank you for your email of 7 August 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The total number of staff members who participated in any course offered by Leadership New Zealand during the aforementioned time frame.*
2. *Please list the specific course names from 'Leadership New Zealand' that were attended by the staff members.*
3. *For each specific course, please provide:*
 - *The number of staff members who attended each course*
 - *The individual cost for each attendee on the course*
 - *A total cost to your organization for the course when compiling the cost for each attendee*

A search of the Ministry for the Environment's (the Ministry) information system found no staff participated in courses offered by Leadership New Zealand. As such, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website 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 on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi,

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