



Ref: OIA 2024-041

04 October 2024

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 10 September 2024 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The total number of staff sent to courses run by wall walks in each of the last three years.*
2. *Please break down number of staff sent by year.*
3. *Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved in is called.*
4. *The total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses over the last three years.*
5. *Please break the total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses down by year.*
6. *The value of any other funding provided to wall walks, broken down by date, funding purpose, office location and amount.*
7. *Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for the reasoning of staff being sent on these courses and specify whether participation in these courses was compulsory or not.*
8. *Please provide a copy of documentation including but not limited to emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence that explains the content included in the course or description of activities undertaken through wall walks, or any associated courses/training.*
9. *Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for any measurable outcomes from your agency attending Wall Walk courses.*

The Climate Change Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Act, and I can advise as follows.

Response

1. *The total number of staff sent to courses run by wall walks in each of the last three years.*

There were 67 Commission staff who voluntarily attended a Wall Walk one-day session, on 26 July 2023.

2. *Please break down number of staff sent by year.*

As above, the Commission has participated in one Wall Walk session only.

3. *Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved in is called.*

The session was known as Wall Walk.

4. *The total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses over the last three years.*

The cost of the Wall Walk session, in July 2023, for 67 Commission staff was \$5175, the ancillary costs are below.

5. *Please break the total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses down by year.*

As above, Commission staff have participated in only one event. Additional costs were as follows:

Cost	Amount (GST incl)
Wall Walk (as above)	\$5175
Catering	\$1419.70
Transport (coach)	\$441.74
TOTAL	\$7036.44

6. *The value of any other funding provided to wall walks, broken down by date, funding purpose, office location and amount.*

The Commission holds no information of any other funding provided to Wall Walk.

7. *Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for the reasoning of staff being sent on these courses and specify whether participation in these courses was compulsory or not.*

A staff Cultural Capability survey conducted at the Commission in 2021 showed that our people asked for help with having a better collective understanding of Māori-Crown relationships, among other things.

In 2023, the General Manager Governance and Corporate Services at the time, had participated in a Wall Walk course at a previous workplace and recommended it to the Commission as a cultural capability initiative to support the above feedback. See Document 1 for an email in this regard, please note that we have redacted personal contact details in reliance on section 9(2)(a) of the Act and do not consider there are any countervailing public interests in its release.

Staff participation was voluntary.

An invitation to participate was promoted on the Commission's intranet, on an opt-in basis. Staff were referred to Wall Walk's website for further information on the course content, [here](#).

8. *Please provide a copy of documentation including but not limited to emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence that explains the content included in the course or description of activities undertaken through wall walks, or any associated courses/training.*

Please find attached the programme for the day at Document 2. However, we are advised that the topics covered in the session, Wall Walk promotional posters and course materials are subject to copyright and are the intellectual property of Wall Walk. As such, we rely on section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to not provide this information as it would be likely to unreasonably prejudice Wall Walk's commercial position. We do not consider there are any countervailing public interests in its release.

9. *Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for any measurable outcomes from your agency attending Wall Walk courses.*

A survey was conducted among staff who attended the day. Twenty-two people replied. The results are attached at Document 3.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa, nā



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1	Wall Walk Email	Released with contact details withheld under s.9(2)(a)
2	Wall Walk Programme	Released in full
3	Wall Walk Staff Feedback	Released in full