

Secretary and Chief Executive Expense Disclosures: A Guide for Agency Staff

The following is a summary from "Public Service Secretaries and Chief Executive Expense Disclosures: A Guide for Agency Staff"
Please read that in full first.

In the following worksheets, cells shaded light green require input. All other cells are locked to prevent change.

Purpose

The purpose of regular public disclosure of secretaries and/or chief executive's expenses is to provide transparency and accountability for discretionary expenditure by Public Service agencies and statutory Crown entities. Publishing clear and detailed disclosures is integral to building and maintaining the public's trust and confidence in the Public service.

What is covered?

All expenses for items offered, accepted or declined by secretaries or chief executives in performing their role are required to be disclosed, whether paid by credit card or invoiced. This includes expenses for more personal undertakings, such as professional development expenditure, in addition to outgoings for the likes of travel and entertainment. Secretary and chief executive expenses are not generally regarded as personal or commercially sensitive. Refer to the Ombudsman Guide to Chief Executive Expenses for guidance. Business or corporate expenses for the organisation that are met from the secretaries or chief executive's budget or paid by their credit card are excluded. Expense disclosures cover the full period of the report, and are completed by each secretary or chief executive, including in Acting roles - Complete a separate workbook for each.

How does it work?

Secretaries or chief executives disclose the expenses, gifts & hospitality they have expended or been offered using this Excel workbook. Secretaries or chief executives formally approve completed Excel workbooks and an appropriate person reviews them (see guidance). They are posted on agency websites and linked to [www.data.govt.nz](https://www.data.govt.nz/toolkit/how-do-i-add-or-update-our-chief-executive-expenses/). See: <https://www.data.govt.nz/toolkit/how-do-i-add-or-update-our-chief-executive-expenses/>

When and how often are disclosures made?

Disclosures cover the year to 30 June and are expected to be published by 31 July.

Disclosed Information - this workbook includes a tab for each of the following categories:

Summary and sign-off

This tab contains a summary of the information presented: it includes a single place to update entity information, running totals of the different types of expenses and gifts/benefits, and records the required checks and sign-offs before publication.

Travel

All expenses incurred by secretaries or chief executives during international, national and local travel are disclosed. Expenditure relating to each trip is grouped (particularly for overseas trips), but the nature of the items of expenditure are disclosed separately, with individual lines for the likes of airfares, accommodation, meals, and taxis.

Hospitality

All work-related hospitality expenses provided by the secretary or chief executive to people external to Public Service agencies and statutory Crown entities.

All other expenses

All other expenses incurred by the secretary or chief executive that are not captured under the definition of travel, hospitality or gifts and benefits are disclosed in this section. This includes items such as cell phone and data costs, subscriptions, membership fees, conference fees, and professional development fees.

If in doubt, the principles of transparency and accountability apply and therefore all items are disclosed, unless there is a very good reason not to. The Ombudsman's view is that "because this expenditure is incurred by very senior employees acting in an official capacity and for a business purpose, the privacy interests of the chief executives who incurred the expenditure are low".

Gifts and benefits

All gifts, invitations to events and other hospitality, of \$50 or more in total value per year, offered, accepted or declined by the secretary or chief executive from people external to Public Service agencies and statutory Crown entities are disclosed. A brief explanation of what the secretary or chief executive did with the gifts and benefits is supplied, which includes whether the offer was declined.

Usually gifts and benefits that have more than a token value are also declared on an open register within agencies, as well as on the expenses disclosure. Please note that anything offered is official information and is covered by the Official Information Act.

The value of each gift or benefit should be provided/estimated where possible. If an estimate is approximate, valuation 'ranges' can be submitted. It should be recorded where the cost of a gift cannot be reasonably estimated, or where an estimate is inappropriate (e.g. because of the nature of the item or because disclosing an estimated value might cause offence such as a cultural gift).

How to present information

Provide information using this Excel workbook: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/ce-expenses-disclosure/>

Complete separate tables for each category using the tabs provided in this Excel workbook: Travel, Hospitality, Gifts and Benefits, All other expenses.

Complete all fields. The header (organisation name, secretary or chief executive name and reporting period) will pre-populate once you enter it on the 'Summary and sign-off' tab.

Whether costs are GST exclusive or inclusive needs to be consistent on each sheet, and ideally should be consistent across all sheets. You have the option to use GST exclusive or inclusive as it may depend how you get your source information.

Mark clearly if no information to disclose - where there is no information to disclose, record this clearly on the spreadsheet with a suitable description such as "no travel expenses to disclose for this period"; "no gifts received" or "no hospitality provided". Please do not leave the page blank.

Ensure the disclosure is for the full reporting period. Include separate disclosures for each secretary or chief executive, including those in Acting roles.

Provide sufficient detail for each item in the spreadsheet. Agencies are encouraged to take a why, what, who, where and how approach to describing individual items. A good description that outlines the nature of the item and its purpose improves understanding of why expenses have been incurred or why gifts and hospitality have been given or received.

Provide full information for every entry. The alert "Some records may be incomplete" will show in the 'Total' line if any expense has 'Cost' or 'Type of expense' missing, or, any gift has 'Accepted/Declined', 'Description' or 'Estimated value' missing.

The subtotals and totals should appear and update automatically, once you add information to the rows above. Insert more rows as you need - right click on the row number (at the left of screen) and select 'Insert' - new row will insert above.

Uploading the workbook - please ensure it is easy to find on your website.

The disclosure webpage could be headed with a statement such as: "(this agency) is disclosing the Secretary or Chief Executive's expenses, gifts and hospitality as part of its commitment to transparency and accountability."

Further assistance

The above is a summary from "Secretary or Chief Executive Expense Disclosures: A Guide for Agency Staff": <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/Legacy/resources/Chief-Executive-Expense-Disclosure-Guide.pdf>
Please read that in full first.

If you have any questions please contact ceexpenses@publicservice.govt.nz

For help with publishing on data.govt contact info@data.govt.nz.

Expenses should be posted on agency websites and linked to www.data.govt.nz. See: <https://www.data.govt.nz/toolkit/how-do-i-add-or-update-our-chief-executive-expenses/>

[Provide information using the Commissions Excel workbook - Click Here](#)

Secretary or Chief Executive Expenses, Gifts and Benefits Disclosure - summary & sign-off*

Organisation Name*	Children and Young People's Commission
Secretary or Chief Executive**	Judge Frances Eivers
Disclosure period start***	1 July 2023
Disclosure period end***	31 October 2023
Agency totals check	Data and totals checked on all sheets
Secretary or Chief Executive approval****	This disclosure has been approved by the Departmental Secretary or Chief Executive
Other sign-off****	Corporate Services Manager

This summary page updates automatically from the 'Travel', 'Hospitality', 'All other expenses', and 'Gifts and benefits' tabs.

Throughout this workbook, input cells are shaded light green.

Summary of expenses	Cost in NZ\$	GST inc / exc	Gifts and benefits	Count
Travel expenses	\$34,783.95	Figures include GST (where applicable)	Number offered	0
Hospitality	\$0.00	Figures include GST (where applicable)	Number accepted	0
Other expenses	\$8,827.46	Figures include GST (where applicable)	Number declined	0
International Travel	\$18,192.10	Figures include GST (where applicable)		
Domestic Travel	\$15,206.20	Figures include GST (where applicable)		
Local Travel	\$1,385.65	Figures include GST (where applicable)		
Notes				
*Travel expenses - An allowance of \$40,000 from the Minister of Social Development and Employment has been contracted and agreed upon for travel between Auckland and Wellington.				
* Headings on following tabs will pre populate with what you enter on this tab				
** Create a new workbook for a new or Acting Departmental secretary or Chief Executive				
*** Update if a shorter or different period is covered				
**** This disclosure must be approved by the Departmental secretary or Chief Executive and another appropriate party, e.g. Board Chair, Chief Financial Officer or Audit and Risk Con				

Public Service Secretary or Chief Executive Expense Disclosure

Organisation Name	Children and Young People's Commission
Public Service Secretary or Chief Executive	Judge Frances Eivers
Disclosure period start	1 July 2023
Disclosure period end	31 October 2023
GST on costs	Figures include GST (where applicable)
Agency totals check	Data and totals on this worksheet checked and confirmed

International, domestic and local travel expenses

All expenses incurred by Public Service secretary or chief executive during international, domestic and local travel. Group expenses relating to each trip.

International Travel (including travel within NZ at beginning and end of overseas trip)				
Date(s)*	Cost in NZ\$**	Purpose of travel (e.g. attending XYZ conference for 3 days)***	Type of expense (e.g. hotel, airfares, taxis, meals & for how many people)	Location(s)
16 July 2023	\$103.83	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
17 July 2023	\$102.89	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
18 July 2023	\$90.66	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
18 July 2023	\$87.28	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meal hosted by Ministry of Justice	Geneva, Switzerland
19 July 2023	\$48.49	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
19 July 2023	\$40.34	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
19 July 2023	\$38.14	Attending Geneva UN conference	Uber from hotel to State delegation dinner	Geneva, Switzerland
19 July 2023	\$153.16	Attending Geneva UN conference	Dinner for two people	Geneva, Switzerland
20 July 2023	\$21.05	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
20 July 2023	\$25.65	Attending Geneva UN conference	Meals for Judge Eivers and Lania Paul	Geneva, Switzerland
20 July 2023	\$30.52	Attending Geneva UN conference	Uber transport for 2 people	Geneva, Switzerland
23 July 2023	\$3,191.78	Attending Geneva UN conference	Accommodation Novotel Geneva x 2 pax	Geneva, Switzerland
31 July 2023	\$13,649.00	Attending Geneva UN conference	Airfares Auckland Geneva return x 2 pax	Geneva, Switzerland
31 July 2023	\$349.00	Bon Voyage Travel Insurance - June Invoice - July Flights	Travel Insurance	Wellington
4 August 2023	\$200.00	ANZOG Conference in Darwin	Bon Voyage Cruises and Travel fees x 2 pax	Darwin, Australia
4 August 2023	\$126.00	ANZOG Conference in Darwin	Travel Insurance x 2pax	Darwin, Australia
4 August 2023	\$3,482.00	ANZOG Conference in Darwin	Airfares x 2 pax ANZOG conference	Darwin, Australia
8 August 2023	(\$3,808.00)	ANZOG Conference in Darwin - Reimbursement	Reimbursement of travel to Darwin conference	Darwin, Australia
4 September 2023	\$49.89	Home to airport for SNAICC conference Darwin	Uber	Auckland
5 September 2023	\$15.25	Darwin airport to Casuarina	Taxi	Darwin, Australia
8 September 2023	\$31.92	Hotel to Darwin airport	Taxi	Darwin, Australia
25 September 2023	\$163.25	Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers - ANZASW Social Work Conference - Flight changes	airfares	Darwin, Australia
Subtotal - international travel	\$18,192.10	Check - there are no hidden rows with data	Check - each entry provides sufficient information	

Domestic Travel (within NZ, including travel to and from local airport)				
Date(s)*	Cost in NZ\$	Purpose of travel (e.g. visiting district office for two days...)**	Type of expense (e.g. hotel, airfares, taxis, meals & for how many people)	Location(s)
2 July 2023	\$44.67	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
2 July 2023	\$24.41	Office to Wellington airport	Uber for 2 people	Wellington
3 July 2023	\$193.04	Wellington accommodation	Hotel	Wellington
3 July 2023	\$100.00	Wellington accommodation 2 nights	Private accommodation	Wellington
3 July 2023	\$101.53	Wellington airport to accommodation	Taxi	Wellington
4 July 2023	\$51.29	Home to Auckland airport	Uber	Auckland
4 July 2023	\$26.14	Wellington airport to Wharewaka	Uber for 2 people	Wellington
6 July 2023	\$28.88	Office to Wellington airport	Uber for 2 people	Wellington
6 July 2023	\$47.54	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
9 July 2023	\$100.00	Wellington accommodation 2 nights	Private accommodation	Wellington
10 July 2023	\$47.89	Wellington airport to accommodation	Uber	Wellington
13 July 2023	\$50.12	Home to Auckland airport	Uber	Auckland
13 July 2023	\$30.86	Wellington airport to office	Uber for 2 people	Wellington
13 July 2023	\$51.35	Office to Wellington airport	Uber for 2 people	Wellington
14 July 2023	\$42.79	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
25 July 2023	\$150.00	Wellington accommodation 3 nights	Private accommodation	Wellington
26 July 2023	\$39.64	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
27 July 2023	\$97.55	Wellington airport to accommodation	Uber	Wellington
29 July 2023	\$25.97	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
30 July 2023	\$100.00	Wellington accommodation 2 nights	Private accommodation	Wellington
31 July 2023	\$39.19	Lania Paul office to airport	Uber	Wellington
31 July 2023	\$1,282.80	Air NZ Domestic Travel from AKL to WLG and DUD return for engagements.	Airfares	AKL/WLG/DUD
31 July 2023	\$2,734.96	Air NZ Travel July 10-23 between AKL to WLG return, AKL to ROT return and AKL to WLG for engagements.	Airfares	WLG/AKL/ROT
1 August 2023	\$61.39	Wellington airport to accommodation	Uber	Wellington
4 August 2023	\$39.45	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
4 August 2023	\$45.45	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
8 August 2023	\$32.57	Wellington airport to office	Uber	Wellington
8 August 2023	\$50.08	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
9 August 2023	\$235.93	Accommodation Wellington 2 nights	Hotel	Wellington
11 August 2023	\$34.00	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
18 August 2023	\$25.48	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
18 August 2023	\$47.25	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
21 August 2023	\$133.91	Dinner Charley Nobel - planning	Dinner for 2 people	Wellington
22 August 2023	\$41.54	Home to Auckland airport	Uber	Auckland
24 August 2023	\$21.64	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
30 August 2023	\$44.80	Home to Auckland airport	Uber	Auckland
30 August 2023	\$24.89	Wellington airport to office	Uber	Wellington
31 August 2023	\$101.22	Flights - Commissioner 3813 - May Inv - Travel in August 2023	Airfares	WLG/AKL
1 September 2023	\$34.04	Pravda -breakfast meeting with Deputy Chairperson	Meal for 2 people	Wellington
1 September 2023	\$29.12	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
1 September 2023	\$46.83	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
17 September 2023	\$639.18	Partners on Booking BV - accommodation for Board meeting	Hotel	Wellington
19 September 2023	\$49.72	Home to Auckland airport	Uber	Auckland
20 September 2023	\$21.72	Conference centre to Christchurch airport	Uber	Christchurch
20 September 2023	\$29.62	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
21 September 2023	\$10.00	Cancelled Uber trip in Christchurch	Uber	Christchurch
21 September 2023	\$25.76	Conference centre to Christchurch airport	Uber	Christchurch
22 September 2023	\$25.79	Office to Wellington airport	Uber	Wellington
22 September 2023	\$48.87	Auckland airport to home	Uber	Auckland
25 September 2023	\$141.96	Flight changes for ANZASW Conference in Christchurch	airfares	Christchurch

Total other expenses	\$8,827.46	Check - there are no hidden rows with data	Check - each entry provides sufficient information	
Notes				
* Any non-standard date format or date outside 1 July - 30 June will raise an alert. Check entry and select 'Yes' to accept/continue.				
Insert additional rows as needed: right click on a row number (left of screen) and select Insert - this will insert a row above selected row.				
Total cost will appear automatically once you put information in rows above.				
Mark clearly if there is no information to disclose - provide a note to this effect in the 'Date' column (column A).				

Public Service Secretary or Chief Executive Expense Disclosure					
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Public Service Secretary or Chief Executive	Judge Frances Eivers				
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Disclosure period end	31 October 2023				
GST on costs	Figures include GST (where applicable)				
Agency totals check	Data and totals on this worksheet checked and confirmed				
Hospitality Offered to Third Parties*					
<i>All hospitality expenses provided by the Public Service secretary or chief executive in the context of their job to anyone external to the Public Service or statutory Crown entities.</i>					
Date(s)**	Cost in NZ\$	Purpose of hospitality (e.g. hosting delegation from China, building relationships, team building)	Type of expense (what and for how many e.g. dinner for 5)	Location(s)	
Total hospitality expenses		\$0.00	Check - there are no hidden rows with data		Check - each entry provides sufficient information
Notes					
* Third parties include people and organisations external to the public service or statutory Crown entities.					
** Any non-standard date format or date outside 1 July - 30 June will raise an alert. Check entry and select 'Yes' to accept/continue.					
Insert additional rows as needed: right click on a row number (left of screen) and select Insert - this will insert a row above selected row.					
Total cost will appear automatically once you put information in rows above.					
Mark clearly if there is no information to disclose - provide a note to this effect in the 'Date' column (column A).					

Public Service Secretary or Chief Executive Gifts and Benefits Disclosure

Organisation Name	Children and Young People's Commission
Public Service Secretary or Chief Executive	Judge Frances Eivers
Disclosure period start	1 July 2023
Disclosure period end	31 October 2023
GST on values	
Agency totals check	Data and totals on this worksheet checked and confirmed

Gifts and Benefits over \$50 annual value

*Include all gifts, invitations to events and other hospitality, of \$50 or more in total value per year, offered to the Public Service secretary or chief executive by people external to the Public Service. Include all gifts, invitations or other hospitality **whether accepted or declined**.*

Date(s)*	Description (e.g. event tickets, etc.)	Was the gift accepted? (drop-down list in cell)	Offered by (who made the offer?)	Estimated value in NZ\$ (drop-down list in cell but provide specific value if possible)	Other comments (e.g. if given to others, whom?)
Total count of gift/benefit entries:	Offered	0	Check - there are no hidden rows with data	Check - each entry provides sufficient information	
	Accepted	0			
	Declined	0			
Notes					
* Any non-standard date format or date outside 1 July - 30 June will raise an alert. Check entry and select 'Yes' to accept/continue.					
Insert additional rows as needed: right click on a row number (left of screen) and select Insert - this will insert a row above selected row.					
A one-off offer of something worth \$25 is not included, but if the offer is made more than once a year, it should be disclosed.					
Include items such as invitations to functions and events, event tickets, gifts from overseas counterparts and commercial organisations (including that accepted by immediate family members).					
Include gifts and benefits that are declined.					
Number of gifts/benefits will update automatically once you put information in rows above.					
Mark clearly if there is no information to disclose - provide a note to this effect in the 'Date' column (column A).					