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Ref: PMO 2020-216

Dear Mr Ryan Thomas

Official Information Act request relating to Christmas party costs

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 16 December 2020. You requested:

"How much you have spent of taxpayer money in entertainment costs regarding Xmas parties and functions."

I have interpreted your request to be for information relating to the amount of money spent on entertainment during the Christmas 2020 period for the Prime Minister's Office.

No Government funding was spent by Ministerial Services Staff employed by the Department of Internal Affairs within the Prime Minister's Office during the Christmas 2020 period.

Please note that information relating to staff employed by Parliamentary Services or the Labour Leaders Office is not considered official information and therefore is not subject to the Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff