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I refer to your email of 26 February 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"... How much money was spent on new furniture in 2017 and in 2018?

Please breakdown the total cost by year.

Please also include what the most expensive item of furniture was in 2017 and in 2018 and how much they cost each."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) has interpreted your request to be for New Zealand offices only (Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch), and therefore the details below exclude all offshore offices such as posts, Embassies and Consulates. To provide you with offshore information would require substantial collation, and therefore the scope has been narrowed to cover information that can be collated and provided to you.

The table below provides a breakdown of expenditure by MFAT on new furniture and office supplies, excluding stationery, for its New Zealand Offices (Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch). Figures exclude GST.

Year	Total (NZ\$)
2016-17	\$122,940.00
2017-18	\$133,311.00

The most expensive item in the 2016-17 year was a sit-to-stand desk, at \$1,870.00, which was purchased to support staff health and well-being. The most expensive item in the 2017-18 year was a standalone meeting pod and quiet space to trial for future office design, which cost \$3,969.00.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade