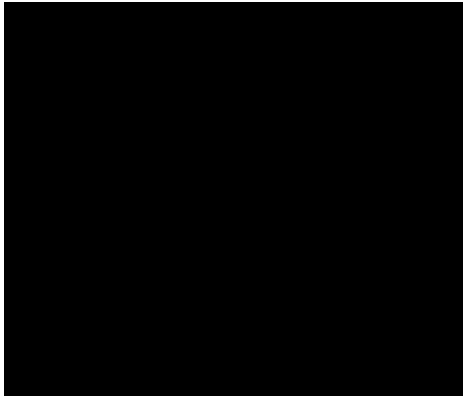




21 May 2025



Official information request for information in relation to historic claims – generally and with reference to settlements, and costs associated with *H v Attorney-General*.

Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request dated 21 March 2025.
2. On 22 April 2025, pursuant to section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982, we received a partial transfer of your information request from the Ministry of Social Development. Specifically, the part of your request that relates to the costs to the Crown of the *H v Attorney-General* (CIV-2023-485-361) proceedings (paragraph 4 of your letter refers):

The total cost to the Crown of this issue, including litigation costs and costs of additional resources/staffing.

3. Crown Law holds information in relation to the litigation costs to the Crown and this information is provided below.

Information requested

4. The total litigation costs to the Crown in relation to the *H v Attorney-General* proceeding were \$170,485.12 (GST excl) in Crown Law fees and disbursements, and \$21,091.75 being court costs as agreed between Cooper Legal (on behalf of the plaintiffs) and the Crown. The legal fees and disbursements, and court costs were shared between Oranga Tamariki, Office of the Crown Response Unit (now Crown Response Office), Ministry of Social Development, and the Ministry of Justice.
5. Crown Law did not engage any additional resources or staffing in relation to *H v Attorney-General*.

Proactive release

6. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
7. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz.



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