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**Te Tari Kaiwhakawā mo ngā Kōti Mātāmua**

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Dear Mr Siemer

I refer to your letter of 22 March 2016 requesting information and respond as follows:

- 1. The total paid by the government for the conference of judges at Chateau Tongariro in March 2016?**  
The total conference cost was \$98,365.
- 2. The room rate paid for the 53 judicial attendees?**  
There were 52 judicial attendees. The average room rate paid was \$182.60
- 3. A copy of the invitation to this event?**  
There was no invitation prepared for this event.
- 4. A copy of the official agenda?**  
The agenda for the conference is not provided as information relating to the educational and professional development of judges is generally not made publically available.
- 5. Government attendees outside judiciary?**  
Andrew Bridgman, the Secretary for Justice attended part of the conference.

Yours sincerely

Brigid Corcoran  
**Director, Judicial Office**