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Reference: OIA-2022/23-0199

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request for the costs of NZ representatives to attend the Queen's funeral

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 5 October 2022.

You have requested:

"[...] How much did it cost for the Prime Minister, her staff and her New Zealand delegation to attend the Queen's funeral? I would like a full breakdown of the costs."

On 17 October 2022, you refined your request to:

"[...] Broken down as far as possible by cost for airfares, accommodation, meals etc. – is:

- 1) the costs for the PM and her staff (PMO) – the total number and roles would be sufficient;*
- 2) the costs for any DPMC staff who accompanied the PM; and*
- 3) the costs for the New Zealand delegation."*

As you are aware, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has transferred part one of your request to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), and part three of your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

The known costs for one DPMC staff member to travel to London to support the Prime Minister are broken down as below:

Airfare (including taxes, ticketing costs etc)	\$14,053.75
Taxi and meal-related expenses (some meal costs are possibly yet to be invoiced by MFAT)	\$244.57
Five nights' accommodation (cost not yet advised by MFAT)	-
Total to date	\$14,298.32

In respect of part three of your request, please note that the New Zealand delegation included the Governor-General and her husband, and they were supported by two accompanying staff. The Governor-General, including staff supporting the Governor-General in the performance of her official duties, is not subject to the Act.

However, I note that the costs of the Governor-General's international programme are published annually as part of the annual report of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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