



5 June 2025



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Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to staff travelling with the Prime Minister**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was partially transferred from the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Chris Luxon, and received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 21 May 2025. The part of your request transferred to DPMC was:

*For each of your international visits to Australia in December 2023, Australia in March 2024, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines in April 2024, Fiji in June 2024, Papua New Guinea and Japan in June 2024, the United States of America in July 2024, Australia in August 2024, Tonga in August 2024, Malaysia and South Korea in September 2024, Laos in October 2024, Samoa in October 2024, Peru in November 2024, the United Arab Emirates in January 2025, Vietnam in February/March 2025, and India in March 2025, I request the following information:*

*The number of New Zealand based staff, who are not employed in the Prime Minister's Office, that took part in each of these international trips, broken down by agency and role?*

**Information being released**

Please see the table below for the relevant information.

**The number of New Zealand based staff, who are not employed in the Prime Minister's Office, that took part in each of these international trips, broken down by agency and role:**

Trip	DPMC Staff Role	Number of people
Australia: December 2023	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Australia: March 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Singapore, Thailand and Philippines: April 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Fiji: June 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Papua New Guinea and Japan: 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
USA: July 2024	Chief Executive Officer Foreign Policy Advisor	2
Australia: August 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Tonga: August 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Malaysia and South Korea: September 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
Laos: October 2024	Foreign Policy Advisor Foreign Policy Analyst	2

<b>Trip</b>	<b>DPMC Staff Role</b>	<b>Number of people</b>
<b>Samoa: October 2024</b>	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
<b>Peru: November 2024</b>	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
<b>United Arab Emirates: January 2025</b>	Foreign Policy Advisor	1
<b>Vietnam: Feb/March 2025</b>	Foreign Policy Advisor Foreign Policy Analyst	2
<b>India: March 2025</b>	Foreign Policy Advisor	1

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

This response will be published on DPMC'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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