




5 December 2025

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0351

Tēnā koe ,

Official Information Act request relating to Information in relation to helicopter travel funded by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 19 November 2025. You requested:

- “1. The total amount spent by DPMC on helicopter travel within New Zealand in each of the past two calendar years and the current year to date.*
- 2. A list of all helicopter flights taken during this period where the cost was covered by DPMC, including the date, purpose of travel, origin and destination, and the individuals who travelled (titles/roles only — not names, unless publicly available).*
- 3. Any contracts, agreements, or standing arrangements DPMC has with helicopter service providers.”*

We have interpreted your request to be for information relating to the cost of any helicopter travel paid for by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

DPMC has not spent any funding on helicopter travel within New Zealand in the period 1 January 2023 to 19 November 2025, nor does it have any contracts, agreements, or standing arrangements with helicopter service providers.

The remainder of your request for a list of helicopter flights is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as no information exists.

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 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.

Nāku noa, nā


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