DEPARTMENT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
TE TARI O TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA

18 August 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0055

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Tēnā koe [redacted],

Official Information Act request relating to Cost of the Prime Minister of India's visit to New Zealand

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 21 July 2026. You requested:

> *"1. The total cost to New Zealand taxpayers of hosting Prime Minister Modi's visit.*
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> *2. If possible, a breakdown of those costs by category, including but not limited to:*
> - *Security and policing*
> - *Diplomatic and protocol arrangements*
> - *Venue hire and event management*
> - *Transport*
> - *Accommodation*
> - *Catering and hospitality*
> - *Interpretation and translation services*
> - *Media and communications*
> - *Any ceremonial or cultural activities funded by the New Zealand Government*
> - *Any other costs incurred by government agencies.*
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> *3. Any estimates prepared before the visit and the final actual costs, if they differ.*
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> *4. Details of which agencies incurred these costs and the amount paid by each*
>
> *5. Whether any costs were reimbursed or shared by the Government of India or any other organisation. If so, please provide details"*

DPMC can only respond for the costs it incurred and the information that it holds. The part of your request regarding costs for security and policing was transferred to the New Zealand Police under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act on 3 August 2026.

Other parts of your request would, ordinarily, have been transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) under section 14(b)(ii). However, as these entities have also received your request, I instead refer you to their responses.

Information is being released for parts two and four of your request

The Chief Executive of DPMC and an Advisor travelled to Auckland to support the Prime Minister during the visit. The costs for their travel and accommodation are within scope of your request. Accordingly, I have decided to release these costs in the table below.

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Category	Cost including GST ($)	Cost Excluding GST ($)
Flights	1,131.98	984.33
Seating Allocation	15.00	13.04
Accommodation	876.00	761.74
FCM Fees	19.56	17.01
Total	**2,042.54**	**1,776.12**

In this table, FCM refers to “Flight Centre Management,” DPMC’s travel provider.

DPMC paid for the above costs in full. I am satisfied that this responds to parts two and four of your request for the information that DPMC holds.

Parts one, three and five of your request are refused

DPMC does not hold a total cost for the Prime Minister of India's visit to New Zealand, and I do not believe any other entity subject to the Act holds a total figure. Part one of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

No estimates for DPMC’s costs were prepared. The costs were funded from existing DPMC funding. None of DPMC’s costs were reimbursed or shared by the Government of India or any other organisation. Accordingly, parts three and five of your request, as they relate to DPMC, are refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

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 DPMC 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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