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Dear J S Vautier

Official Information Act Request Relating to the Use of NZDF Transport Aircraft by the Prime Minister

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 9 November 2014 for:

- *“A breakdown of the Prime Minister’s use of military transport aircraft for international travel, the primary purpose of the travel including destination and date, and the number of non-defence force passengers on board including the prime minister between January 2012 and November 2014.*
- *Where multiple stops are made en route to a destination please provide the above information for all legs flown by defence aircraft.*
- *Finally, please provide any correspondence between the prime minister’s office and NZDF or Commercial airlines discussing the development of the business case relating to the decision to travel via military transport or commercial airlines particularly including financial analysis undertaken from any travel in the past 12 months.”*

I can confirm that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) does not hold information relevant to your request.

With regard to the third part of your request, the Office of the Prime Minister has been consulted and has advised that no relevant correspondence between that Office and any commercial airlines discussing the development of a business case has been identified. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the *“the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found”*.

The remainder of your request appears to be more closely connected with the functions of the New Zealand Defence Force. Accordingly, I am transferring the remainder of your request to the Chief of Defence Force under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

Anne Shaw
Director – Office of the Chief Executive