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Ben Tomkinson
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Dear Ben

TRANSFER OF YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2023 through the FYI website, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I was wondering what the total cost including fuel, aircraft maintenance, airport fees and charges, accommodation and meal expenses for the crew, and all other costs associated to this trip, to send a back up aeroplane to wait on standby in Manila when the prime minister recently visited china incase the plane he was on broke down

The Ministry is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements and the delivery of major capability projects. We are a separate agency to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

The information you have requested is more closely connected with the work of the NZDF. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to that agency in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to request an Ombudsman to investigate and review this transfer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian MacGregor'.

Adrian MacGregor
Managing Principal, Ministerial and Executive Services

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