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Tēnā koe Daniel F Benson-Guiu

Official Information Act request relating to Premier House

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 7 March 2024. You requested:

[1] How many nights has the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon stayed overnight at Premier House since taking office?

[2] What is the average cost of security and other staffing measures incurred when the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and his guests stay overnight at Premier House?

[3] Has Prime Minister Christopher Luxon paid for this cost (i.e. by invoice, salary deduction, or other means) each time he has stayed overnight since taking office? ”

For ease of reference we have added the numbering for Parts [1] - [3] above.

Partial transfer to the Prime Minister

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to Part 1 of your request. I believe this information is held by the Prime Minister (Rt Hon Christopher Luxon). Accordingly, I have decided to transfer this part of your request to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The Prime Minister has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Partial transfer to the New Zealand Police

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to the element of your request in Part 2 which relates to “security”. I believe this information is held by the New Zealand Police. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer this part of your request to the New Zealand Police under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The New Zealand Police have the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Partial transfer to the Department of Internal Affairs

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to the element of your request in Part 2 which relates to “other staffing measures”, and Part 3 of your request. I believe this information is held by the Department of Internal Affairs.

Accordingly, I have decided to transfer this part of your request to the Department of Internal Affairs under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The Department of Internal Affairs have the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this element of Part 2, and Part 3, of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nāku noa, nā



Amy Teague
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