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Dear Mr Lang

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (Act) request transferred to the Department on 28 April 2016 for the following information:

- *Please provide me or point me to where I can find a detailed breakdown on minister expenditure on travel including but not limited to flights, taxis, hotels, meals, suits/attire, alcohol, and entertainment, charged back to parliament, paid for by the taxpayer*

The Department of Internal Affairs (Department) is responsible for the provision of services for Ministers, which are funded by Vote Internal Affairs. The Department releases details on the expenses incurred by Ministers on a quarterly basis. I have attached a link to the latest quarterly release which covers the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2016.

<https://www.dia.govt.nz/About-us-Our-Organisation-Ministers-expenses>

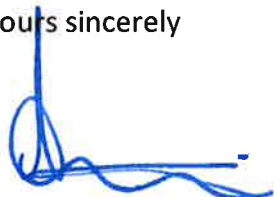
On this page you can find information on the expenses disclosed by the Department for Ministers. There is also an attachment which provides further information about the expenses disclosed, and another link to the Ministerial credit card release which provides related information about Ministerial office credit card expenditure.

Please note that Ministers have similar entitlements to Members of Parliament. Costs for Members of Parliament are met by the Parliamentary Service. The summary of expenses released by the Department does not include expenses paid for by the Parliamentary Service, however information on expenses can be found via the link above.

If the information you seek is not contained in the quarterly releases, you can request information directly from us at the address listed in this letter, or by email to

OIA@dia.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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