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Tēnā koe James

Official Information Act request relating to PM's trip to China

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 12 July 2023. You requested:


- 1) *the total number of press gallery members accompanying the PM on his trip to China and the corresponding numbers for each media organisation.*
- 2) *Please provide the total number of media inclusive of camera operators/support crew/other media.*
- 3) *Please provide total costs and expenses if any, incurred by the media on this trip. This should include any charges for flights even if nominal amounts, food/beverages provided to media, accomodations if any etc.*
- 4) *Please provide the details for each member of the accompanying company trade delegation. For example.. Greg Foran Air NZ.*
- 5) *Please provide the total cost of the non government employee, business 5) component of the trade delegation. Accomodation/ food/flights etc.*
- 6) *Please provide details if an alternative travel option to the NZDF aircraft was investigated or discussed, such as commercial flights/charter aircraft etc.”.*

For ease of reference, I have numbered your questions parts 1 to 6. I have extended the ten working day time-limit available to make this transfer. This extension was required because of the consultation needed to make a decision on your request.

Questions 3 and 6 of your request are more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Accordingly, I have decided to transfer this part of your request to MFAT under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. I believe questions 4 and 5 of the above-mentioned request for information are more closely connected to the functions New Zealand Enterprise and Trade (NZTE). I have decided to transfer this part of your request to NZTE under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

MFAT and NZTE have the usual time limits from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Ngā mihi nui


Andrew Kirton
Chief of Staff