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Tēnā koe James

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

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

- 1) *“Under the OIA please detail 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 component of the trade delegation. Accomodation/ food/fights 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, I have numbered your questions. As mentioned in previous correspondence, I have transferred parts 3, 4, 5 and 6 other departments. You will receive a response for these in due course.

In relation to part 1 of your request, we do not hold specific information relating to who are press gallery members. However, we have attached a list of the New Zealand Media delegation who travelled to China:

- New Zealand Herald
- Interest.co.nz
- Radio NZ
- TVNZ
- Newshub
- Newstalk ZB
- Business Desk
- Aukaha News

- Te Karere
- Stuff
- The Spinoff
- Newsroom

In relation to part 2 of your request, we do not hold information on the total number of media crew. Accordingly, your request is declined under s18(e) of the Act, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,



Andrew Kirton
Chief of Staff