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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 22 September 2022 requesting in part, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

Since labour formed a government in 2017 please advise the following in respect to taxpayer funded overseas air travel.

The number of international air force aircraft flights with Ministers or MPs on board.

This part of your request was transferred from the Department of Internal Affairs in accordance with the OIA. Enclosure one provides information on international flights provided by the Royal New Zealand Air Force for Ministers (including the Prime Minister) and Members of Parliament for the time period requested.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

AJ WOODS
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Enclosure:

1. International flight support to Government

Released under the Official Information Act 1982

Departure Date	Purpose	Aircraft Type	Minister
27/11/2017 - 1/12/2017	Antarctica Visit	C-130 Hercules	Support to Minister of Defence
1/03/2018	Australia/New Zealand Business Forum	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
2/03/2018			
4/03/2018 - 9/03/2018	Pacific Mission	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
3/09/2018 - 5/09/2018	Pacific Island Forum	Boeing 757	Support to Minister of Foreign Affairs
12/11/2018 - 18/11/2018	East Asia Summit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
4/06/2019	MFA Pacific Islands	Boeing 757	Support to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Pacific Peoples
6/06/2019			
8/06/2019			
18/07/2019	Australia Visit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
19/07/2019			
14/08/2019	Pacific Islands Forum	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
14/08/2019	Pacific Islands Forum	C-130 Hercules	Support to Prime Minister
16/08/2019			
3/11/2019	East Asia Summit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
5/11/2019			
24/02/2020	Fiji Visit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
27/02/2020	Australia/NZ Leaders Meeting		
28/02/2020			
18/02/2022 - 24/02/2022	PM Singapore and Japan Visit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
21/05/2022 - 05/06/2022	PM USA Visit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
04/07/2022 - 08/02/2022	Australian Trade Meeting	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
11/07/2022	Pacific Islands Forum	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
15/07/2022		Boeing 757	
1/08/2022 - 02/08/2022	Samoa Visit	Boeing 757	Support to Prime Minister
6/08/2022	Guadalcanal Commemorations	C-130 Hercules	Support to Minister of Defence
9/08/2022		Boeing 757	
16/08/2022 - 19/08/2022	Minister of Foreign Affairs Pacific Visit	C-130 Hercules	Support to Minister of Foreign Affairs