



Headquarters  
New Zealand Defence Force  
Defence House  
Private Bag 39997  
Wellington Mail Centre  
Lower Hutt 5045  
New Zealand

OIA-2023-4766

25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Ben Tomkinson  
[fyi-request-23285-221eb62c@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23285-221eb62c@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Ben Tomkinson

I refer to your email of 28 June 2023 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the total cost including fuel, aircraft maintenance, airport fees and charges, accomodation and meal expenses for the crew, and all other costs associated to this trip, to send a back up aeroplane to wait on standby in Manila when the prime minster recently visited china incase the plane he was on broke down.* Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA.

The short-term tasking cost for the back-up aircraft was \$243,752.70. This cost includes marginal personnel costs, fuel, airport charges and other associated costs in relation to the flight. Short-term tasking rates do not include workshop maintenance, personnel salaries, depreciation and capital charge.

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](http://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**  
Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF