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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 April 2024 requesting *'the total number of officers/staff and costs contributing to the visit of The Governor General, Prime Minister and others at government expense to the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II between 16/09/2022 - 19/09/2022'*.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The total expenditure incurred by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for expenses related to the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II amounted to \$372,943.

The focus of the NZDF contribution, as part of the national response to The Queen's death, focussed on her role as the New Zealand Head of State and that of the Armed Forces. Participation focussed on ensuring that the Government and people of New Zealand were represented in a respectful and distinctly New Zealand manner while conforming to host requirements.

There were 32 NZDF personnel deployed to attend the state funeral ceremony. NZDF participation in royal funeral formalities was by invitation defined by royal protocol. NZDF participation included Regimental Colonels or Commandants of special relationship organisations along with representative marching detachments from each of these organisations along with United Kingdom based NZDF staff.

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

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