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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 May 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), a copy of [t]he report submitted to the minister in March on the cost to maintain the Boeing 757s.

A report was not provided, enclosed is a copy of the advice that was emailed to the Minister of Defence's office on 11 March 2024. Where indicated, personal information is withheld to protect privacy in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA; and the name of the official who provided the advice is withheld to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the provision of advice in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA.

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Yours sincerely

AJ WOODS

Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure:

1. Email

From: s. 9(2)(g)(i)
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2024 2:36 p.m.
To: s. 9(2)(a); Ministerial Services; s. 9(2)(a)
Cc: Woods, Andy, AIRCDRE; Beck, Darren; s. 9(2)(a)
s. 9(2)(a) (Parliament External)
Subject: RE: Media enq: Cost to maintain Boeing 757s unclassified
Categories: s. 9(2)(a)

s. 9(2)(a) see suggested responses below.

s. 9(2)(g)(i)

From: s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2024 1:33 p.m.
To: Ministerial Services <ministerialservices@nzdf.mil.nz>; s. 9(2)(a)
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Cc: Woods, Andy, AIRCDRE s. 9(2)(a); Beck, Darren s. 9(2)(a)
(Parliament External) s. 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Media enq: Cost to maintain Boeing 757s

Team,

Can we please have a draft reply to the below by 1500 for the office.

"Kia ora s. 9(2)(a)

s. 9(2)(a) here at Newsroom hope you're well.

Can I please get a comment from the Minister on the updated figures provided by NZDF regarding the cost of maintaining the 757s? (copied below)

- Is the Minister comfortable with almost \$70m spent in just under two years on maintenance? **Yes.**
- Does this quantum remain acceptable in comparison to the cost of new aircraft? **Yes. It should be noted that new aircraft also incur maintenance costs – it is part of operating aircraft of any type.**
- Is this level of spending (roughly \$35m a year) expected to continue?" **Yes, and it may be that the costs increase as the Boeing 757 fleet ages further.**

- Please find below the 757 figures you requested.

- Regards

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- Maintenance Faults in 2023

- There were 274 faults logged requiring unplanned maintenance.

- There were 816 faults logged during planned maintenance.

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- Maintenance Costs

- The costs below are attributed only to maintenance repair and overhaul of the aircraft and their components. It does not include operating costs, such as fuel, personnel charges, airfield fees or allowances.

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Financial Year	2022 / 2023	2023/2024 (YTD)
TOTAL	\$36.01M	\$32.208M

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- Safety Incidents in 2023
- There were a total of four faults on B757 aircraft recorded in the RNZAF Safety Management System which required the crew to abort the task. All faults occurred while the aircraft was on the ground. The faults were in different systems, with no significant trends evident.



s. 9(2)(a)

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