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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 August 2024 to the Office of Hon Judith Collins KC MP requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *the flight logs for any Ministerial (including the Prime Minister) use of RNZAF assets.*

Your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) on 9 August 2024 in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA. On 9 and 19 August 2024, the NZDF asked you to state a timeframe for the requested information, and no reply was provided. On 9 August 2024, you were also advised that your request for "flight logs" has been interpreted as Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) flight movement information.

Enclosed is RNZAF flight movement information for ministerial VIP taskings for the 2023/24 financial year. Unfortunately, passenger numbers are not available for all flights.

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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Enclosure:

1. RNZAF VIP tasking flight movement information

RELEASED UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

Enclosure 1 – RNZAF flight movement information for ministerial VIP taskings for the 2023/24 financial year

Start Date	Task information	Aircraft	Flying Hours	Passengers
20/07/2023	Prime Minister transfer to Auckland	KA350	2.5	8
27/07/2023	Prime Minister to Christchurch	KA350	2.4	4
7/11/2023	Deputy Prime Minister and Hon. Gerry Brownlee to Rarotonga	B757	10	25
4/12/2023	Minister of Defence and Chief of Defence Force to Noumea	B757	10.2	11
15/12/2023	Minister of Foreign Affairs to Fiji	C130H	7.9	34
19/12/2023	Prime Minister to Canberra	B757	7.5	29
31/01/2024	Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defence to Melbourne	B757	8.5	47
6/02/2024	Minister of Foreign Affairs to Tonga and Cook Islands	B757	10.5	-
14/04/2024	Prime Minister trade mission to South East Asia	B757	26.3	68
12/05/2024	Minister of Foreign Affairs to Melanesia and Tuvalu	B757	13.8	33
15/05/2024	Minister of Foreign Affairs to Tuvalu	C130H	16	23
4/06/2024	Prime Minister to Fiji	B757	9.3	122
16/06/2024	Prime Minister and business delegation to Japan	B757	38.7	62
1/07/2024	Minister of Foreign Affairs to Solomon Islands, Nauru and Niue	B757	18	-
6/07/2024	Prime Minister to Wairoa	KA350	4.2	7
6/07/2024	Prime Minister, Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery and officials overflight of the Wairoa river bar and return to Napier airport via the Haumoana coastline	NH90	4	12
27/07/2024	Prime Minister to Whakatane	KA350	4.2	6