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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 26 February 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

.... total cost of repairs to NZDF planes, broken down by plane and by month, including what the repairs were for. Please include the information from the past four years.

To keep New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) aircraft operational for all tasks, scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) is undertaken. The enclosed table provides the MRO costs for NZDF-maintained fixed-wing aircraft by month for the past four calendar years. The monthly MRO cost is provided by registered aircraft tail numbers. For the C130J Hercules, only part-year costs for 2024 are available. This is reflective of the delivery dates for these aircraft. Similarly, the 2024 part-year costs for the P3 Orion aircraft reflects their retirement from service. Negative cost figures represent credits that are applied when a component is removed from the aircraft. These credits are usually cancelled by the corresponding debit created when a replacement component is installed, for instance when an engine is replaced.

The NZDF also has contractual arrangements for the T-6C and KA 350 aircraft fleets. These arrangements include the provision of the majority of continuing airworthiness management services and all maintenance services for the aircraft. The services are provided at a standard rate, charged monthly. The current charges are outlined below.

T-6C

- a. Monthly Aircraft Standing Charges: approximately US\$870,000
- b. Aircraft Flying Hour Charge (charged monthly based on number of hours flown in that month): US\$565.57 per Flying Hour with minimum Flying Hours set at 4,152 hours per contract year.

KA 350

- a. Monthly Aircraft Standing Charges: approximately US\$390,000

- b. Aircraft Flying Hour Charge: US\$535.93 per Flying Hour plus NZ\$258.91 per Flying Hour with minimum Flying Hours set at 1,800 per contract year.

Contract costs are subject to review effective 1 July each year. The standing charges include but are not limited to management overheads, maintenance, and defect rectification.

Aircraft systems are quite complex, as is their servicing and maintenance that is recorded across a number of different reporting mechanisms. A breakdown of what the MRO costs were for each aircraft over the past four years is not readily retrievable. A substantial research and collation effort would therefore be required to provide the requested information. As such, this aspect of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA. Consideration has been given to consulting you to change your request to make it possible to provide this information; but as explained above, the requested information is not held in a way that facilitates retrieval, even if that was for a single aircraft for one month.

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. Maintenance, repair, and overhaul costs for NZDF-maintained fixed-wing aircraft

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Boeing 757: 2021 to 2024

2021	7571	7572	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$58,373.44	\$2,764.43	\$668,116.64	\$729,254.51
Feb	\$5,367.84	\$69,792.39	\$153,595.41	\$228,755.64
Mar	\$4,197.71	-\$6,212.88	-\$138,734.33	-\$140,749.5
Apr	-\$2,459.14	\$11,430.3	-\$314,566.3	-\$305,595.14
May	\$7,358.04	\$6,208.55	\$1,360,847.15	\$1,374,413.74
Jun	\$38,443.27	-\$31,753.96	\$766,551.85	\$773,241.16
Jul	\$75,965.59	\$185,814.8	\$6,165,273.82	\$6,427,054.21
Aug	\$10,872.59	\$146,522.44	\$1,665,546.33	\$1,822,941.36
Sep	\$16,835.31	\$26,166.84	\$115,240.78	\$158,242.93
Oct	\$41,431.89	\$23,265.88	\$18,682.13	\$83,379.9
Nov	\$14,071.42	-\$12,120.55	\$102,397.08	\$104,347.95
Dec	\$17,048.02	\$33,106.68	\$1,898,152.74	\$1,948,307.44

2022	7571	7572	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$5,289,472.28	\$42,677.66	\$782,109.59	\$6,114,259.53
Feb	\$12,409.16	\$4,628.93	\$1,761,913.09	\$1,778,951.18
Mar	\$4,597.06	\$76,298.69	-\$2,689,453.08	-\$2,608,557.33
Apr	\$32,803.68	\$10,345.71	\$6,126,432.60	\$6,169,581.99
May	\$118,156.56	\$10,469.93	\$814,365.57	\$942,992.06
Jun	\$65,827.97	\$18,402.24	-\$5,529.60	\$78,700.61
Jul	\$1,967.37	\$3,229.41	\$11,115,915.70	\$11,121,112.48
Aug	\$28,887.73	\$6,153.00	\$793,992.71	\$829,033.44
Sep	\$120,717.43	\$429.33	\$127,408.84	\$248,555.60
Oct	-\$53,828.79	\$14,822.05	\$686,174.12	\$647,167.38
Nov	\$69,514.92	\$21,408.43	\$1,711,881.52	\$1,802,804.87
Dec	\$70,188.03	-\$230,160.63	\$4,412,165.26	\$4,252,192.66

2023	7571	7572	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$13,964.22	\$78,651.33	-\$1,643,952.24	-\$1,551,336.69
Feb	\$29,003.28	\$72,389.57	\$387,771.39	\$489,164.24
Mar	\$2,134,268.78	\$10,588.61	\$970,453.86	\$3,115,311.25
Apr	\$44,425.72	\$39,622.81	\$105,453.34	\$189,501.87
May	\$49,831.52	\$57,388.19	\$955,130.00	\$1,062,349.71
Jun	-\$67,009.57	\$46,065.97	\$425,163.46	\$404,219.86
Jul	\$175,443.26	-\$17,892.17	\$741,443.70	\$898,994.79
Aug	-\$124,003.34	\$22,628.81	\$66,423.53	-\$34,951.00
Sep	-\$8,927.23	\$120,058.94	\$972,679.16	\$1,083,810.87
Oct	\$104,407.45	-\$5,838.25	\$4,598,910.08	\$4,697,479.28
Nov	\$40,208.56	\$40,791.77	\$289,619.77	\$370,620.10
Dec	-\$1,524.56	\$23,450.30	\$1,189,637.23	\$1,211,562.97

2024	7571	7572	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$201.40	\$141,983.03	\$1,079,399.32	\$1,221,583.75
Feb	\$77,744.13	\$328,405.73	\$375,123.11	\$781,272.97
Mar	\$1,273.84	\$75,678.69	\$1,028,525.85	\$1,105,478.38
Apr	\$29,340.48	\$12,357.05	\$105,185.18	\$146,882.71
May	\$56,630.63	-\$53,024.63	\$9,335,976.24	\$9,339,582.24
Jun	\$258,044.48	-\$14,805.54	\$871,739.38	\$1,114,978.32
Jul	-\$6,141.91	\$733.76	\$13,245,552.60	\$13,240,144.45
Aug	\$87,632.20	\$236,517.35	\$12,690,104.95	\$13,014,254.50
Sep	-\$11,123.16	\$15,449.80	\$168,104.82	\$172,431.46
Oct	\$24,932.63	\$15,270.82	\$1,023,130.55	\$1,063,334.00
Nov	\$65,581.25	\$39.56	\$10,153,965.24	\$10,219,586.05
Dec	\$5,019.84	\$1,383.29	\$146,962.25	\$153,365.38

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Boeing P8: 2022-2024

2022	4801	4802	4803	4804	Component MRO	Total
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec	\$34.58					\$34.58

2023	4801	4802	4803	4804	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$74,389.90					\$74,389.90
Feb	\$38,254.82					\$38,254.82
Mar	-\$21,186.20	\$103,160.01			\$388	\$82,361.81
Apr	\$3,330.76	\$2,001.76			-\$3,217.56	\$2,114.96
May	\$3,320.76	\$3,802.50	\$78,018.42		\$319.27	\$85,460.95
Jun	\$9,266.68	\$3,053.27	\$4,027.60		\$15,040.96	\$31,388.51
Jul	\$2,489.62	\$3,901.51	\$3,176.81	\$83,808.32	\$2,316.72	\$95,692.98
Aug	\$5,196.97	\$7,103.92	\$110.84	\$39,595.95	\$8,084.76	\$60,092.44
Sep	\$8,536.82	\$101.45	\$2,840.09	\$1,998.91	\$118,076.90	\$131,554.17
Oct	\$7,227.15	\$5,226.17	\$7,134.34	\$16,750.41	\$137,604.63	\$173,942.70
Nov	\$11,526.23	-\$1,003.30	\$165,313.88	\$3,027.66	\$4,848.21	\$183,712.68
Dec	\$2,119.24	\$18,946.69	\$3,886.27	-\$4,817.50	\$2,701.05	\$22,835.75

2024	4801	4802	4803	4804	Component MRO	Total
Jan	-\$11,732.26	\$2,147.18	\$61,420.30	\$87,976.26	\$14,530.44	\$154,341.92
Feb	\$3,634.13	\$1,405.94	\$1,862.90	\$9,494.76	\$205,651.87	\$222,049.60
Mar	\$18,655.72	\$1,711.47	\$22,211.35	\$12,088.07	\$113,013.21	\$167,679.82
Apr	\$2,510.90	\$1,480.18	\$7,306.19	\$1,350.48	\$62,077.42	\$74,725.17
May	\$4,037.10	\$8,826.39	\$1,540.81	\$2,073.42	\$54,968.88	\$71,446.60
Jun	\$2,547.02	\$17,551.80	\$1,740.30	\$11,459.63	\$23,025.21	\$56,323.96
Jul	\$4,356.24	\$2,101.48	\$3,008.00	\$2,439.79	\$37,599.31	\$49,504.82
Aug	\$44,141.99	\$13,104.08	\$9,577.20	\$6,731.54	\$626,147.37	\$699,702.18
Sep	\$16,986.85	\$301.46	\$903.34	-\$802.13	\$240,865.20	\$258,254.72
Oct	\$6,201.99	\$8,610.01	\$9,499.43	\$4,879.98	\$48,101.91	\$77,293.32
Nov	\$7,405.40	\$22,212.91	\$1,371.74	\$5,312.69	\$166,892.86	\$203,195.60
Dec	\$2,891.33	-\$375.91	-\$4,023.29	\$6,792.30	-\$28,704.63	-\$23,420.20

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C130H Hercules: 2021 to 2024

2021	7001	7002	7003	7004	7005	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$18,606.74	\$8,551.92	\$3,867.95	\$3,283.38	\$36,502.50	\$1,551,895.73	\$1,622,708.22
Feb	\$26,741.49	\$5,028.65	\$47,396.28	-\$5,881.11	-\$2,410.18	\$2,261,841.84	\$2,332,716.97
Mar	-\$41,019.60	\$1,171.01	-\$18,138.19	\$8,460.90	-\$35,839.26	\$213,925.50	\$128,560.36
Apr	-\$8,206.66	\$1,849.31	\$36,333.22	\$1,588.93	\$16,001.91	\$3,513,187.40	\$3,560,754.11
May						\$292,476.52	
Jun						\$2,377,527.91	
Jul						\$2,290,482.14	
Aug						\$1,877,640.73	
Sep						\$208,841.71	
Oct						\$2,952,118.94	
Nov						\$3,048,076.15	
Dec						\$117,124.85	

2022	7001	7002	7003	7004	7005	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$17,007.99	\$44,953.86	\$17,701.38	\$25,642.65	\$86.24	\$1,715,862.67	\$1,821,254.79
Feb	\$3,933.06	-\$24,089.73	\$11,350.31	\$15,827.45	\$34,815.81	\$1,932,024.14	\$1,973,861.04
Mar	\$5,380.74	\$13,845.94	\$23,473.67	\$26,695.40	\$4,506.05	\$1,886,762.47	\$1,960,664.27
Apr	\$9,500.17	\$9,077.07	\$3,864.33	\$13,188.17	\$40,020.67	\$1,876,295.00	\$1,951,945.41
May	\$10,088.09	\$77,100.06	\$19,023.37	\$20,205.54	-\$44,222.29	\$2,037,139.81	\$2,119,334.58
Jun	\$10,776.53	\$18,852.56	\$8,187.65	\$2,181.56	\$55,646.88	\$2,706,018.67	\$2,801,663.85
Jul	\$2,054.08	\$5,144.84	-\$6,529.68	\$20,623.44	\$89,533.37	\$1,521,761.98	\$1,632,588.03
Aug	\$53,265.83	\$16,298.74	\$6,513.67	\$7,892.53	-\$4,021.94	\$2,649,793.61	\$2,729,742.44
Sep	\$3,218.93	\$27,392.26	\$23,322.79	-\$1,546.72	\$68,232.58	\$2,069,929.85	\$2,190,549.69
Oct	-\$42,292.51	\$5,185.77	-\$11,852.17	\$9,886.61	\$53,638.93	\$1,982,911.94	\$1,997,478.57
Nov	\$19,636.02	\$9,363.99	\$10,150.86	\$6,046.52	\$44,505.68	\$2,362,175.92	\$2,451,878.99
Dec	\$5,713.12	\$4,827.73	\$3,173.21	\$3,270.51	\$42,746.99	\$1,824,738.12	\$1,884,469.68

2023	7001	7002	7003	7004	7005	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$39,250.94	\$11,398.49	\$9,987.68	\$3,467.96	\$49,978.03	\$802,758.35	\$916,841.45
Feb	\$27,445.58	-\$85,370.38	-\$19,722.24	\$9,154.83	\$10,331.16	\$531,816.06	\$473,655.01
Mar	\$17,150.60	\$104,206.30	-\$4,620.09	\$7,759.73	\$12,742.81	\$3,156,070.49	\$3,293,309.84
Apr	\$1,941.13	\$7,291.10	-\$15,708.39	\$8,744.32	\$1,850.62	\$1,499,039.35	\$1,503,158.13
May	\$40,062.05	\$4,438.38	-\$4,145.08	\$18,771.72	\$9,351.53	\$1,135,490.95	\$1,203,969.55
Jun	-\$26,486.11	\$1,163.24	-\$201.88	\$511.32	-\$1,847.84	\$1,342,387.10	\$1,315,525.83
Jul	\$17,111.59	\$28,893.66		\$6,615.54	\$15,579.36	\$1,285,775.72	\$1,353,975.87
Aug	\$41,991.09	\$6,714.69	-\$2,130	\$8,570.41	-\$10,592.10	\$695,783.25	\$740,337.34
Sep	-\$14,059.83	\$2,917.80		\$10,659.91	\$8,026.46	\$1,579,048.40	\$1,586,592.74
Oct	-\$13,072.82	\$23,253.73	\$1,132.33	\$6,606.57	\$3,116.58	\$1,327,463.58	\$1,348,499.97
Nov	\$48,783.49	-\$3,521.85	-\$0.01	\$3,087.09	\$8,391.02	\$1,219,068.21	\$1,275,807.95
Dec	-\$10,144.25	\$21,549.47	\$1,881.39	-\$5,566.17	-\$55,228.05	\$1,320,724.57	\$1,273,216.96

2024	7001	7002	7003	7004	7005	Component MRO	Total
Jan	-\$29,853.04	-\$1,680.04		-\$967.78	-\$18,242.77	\$741,799.11	\$691,055.48
Feb	\$4,079.09	\$6,927.41		\$11,745.09	\$40,287.41	\$2,109,167.25	\$2,172,206.25
Mar	\$6,437.13	-\$20,719.26	\$5,533.72		\$69,836.29	\$629,263.09	\$690,350.97
Apr	\$23,276.28	\$71,909.15	-\$5,533.72	\$0.00	\$14,366.55	\$988,923.20	\$1,092,941.46
May	\$16,833.52	\$6,209.20		-\$49.30	-\$3,983.14	\$1,017,526.88	\$1,036,537.16
Jun	\$801.81	\$7,483.13	\$4,488.79	\$0.28	\$19,568.66	\$1,318,258.63	\$1,350,601.30
Jul	-\$17,215.44	\$28,594.44	-\$35,729.79		\$18,127.76	\$1,082,078.36	\$1,075,855.33
Aug	\$1,999.41	\$13,292.14	-\$11,123.53	-\$50,512.35	\$20,714.47	\$1,240,613.95	\$1,214,984.09
Sep	\$56,409.04	\$2,255.26		\$3,708.55	-\$1,675.59	\$1,137,750.04	\$1,198,447.30
Oct	\$17,582.13	\$13,197.95		\$2,335.95	\$4,953.78	\$745,258.07	\$783,327.88
Nov	\$3,641.06	\$2,182.08		-\$43.58	-\$11,439.55	\$290,304.61	\$284,644.62
Dec	\$5,121.03	-\$3,238.99			\$882.62	\$113,006.82	\$115,771.48

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C130J Hercules: 2024

2024	7011	7012	7013	7014	7015	Component MRO	Total
Jan							
Feb							
Mar							
Apr							
May							
Jun							
Jul							
Aug	\$10,794.67						\$10,794.67
Sep	\$2,325.75	\$230.43	\$10,347.06				\$12,903.24
Oct	\$1,880.44	\$16,182.62	\$15,933.04	\$40,683.91	\$535.62		\$75,215.63
Nov	\$3,438.59	\$1,986.44	\$9,510.53	\$4,556.73		\$62,133.96	\$81,626.25
Dec	\$133.57	\$1,413.74	\$13,886.81	\$29,733.36	\$18,580.42	\$418,568.87	\$422,850.05

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P3 Orion: 2021-2024

2021	4201	4202	4203	4204	4205	4206	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$228.75	\$13,719.71	\$86,264.82	\$7,725.44	\$2,460.52	-\$59,103.73	\$1,910,573.12	\$1,961,868.63
Feb	\$9,663.92	\$270.02	-\$225.26	\$105,546.57	-\$60,595.11	-\$648.03	\$2,536,461.08	\$2,590,473.19
Mar	\$13,340.79	-\$267.40	\$13,800.24	-\$3149.06	-\$37,301.44	-\$46,726.15	\$293,765.96	\$233,462.94
Apr	\$6,322.35	\$322.23	\$1,110.31	\$27826.98	-\$46,161.11	\$76,773.61	\$1,755,011.02	\$1,821,205.39
May	-\$242,329.33	-\$9,950.57	-\$38,829.52	\$29066.82	\$62,039.62	\$32,075.36	\$415,031.43	\$247,103.81
Jun	-\$23,316.60	\$23,596.97	\$38,481.21	\$15546.12	-\$12,842.05	-\$75,611.45	\$1,136,039.09	\$1,101,893.29
Jul	\$5,778.06	\$5,602.53	-\$24,727.32	\$80293.53	\$10,948.62	\$65,844.80	\$867,462.29	\$1,011,202.51
Aug	\$78,066.08	\$57,934.68	-\$26,833.00	\$34789.33	\$24,967.00	\$128,446.14	\$2,310,740.91	\$2,608,111.14
Sep	\$122,307.05	-\$8,238.77	-\$21,878.56	\$1534.00	-\$1,849.93	-\$62,720.06	\$397,040.55	\$426,194.28
Oct	\$10,654.38	-\$59,014.73	-\$6,931.20	\$459.89	\$17,707.00	\$28,026.10	\$2,007,409.07	\$1,998,310.51
Nov	\$36,971.23	\$24,461.19	-\$147,331.96	\$2271.37	\$1,373.47	-\$20,741.05	\$1,320,628.59	\$1,217,632.84
Dec	\$103,507.43	-\$8,624.47	-\$7,733.52	\$7752.35	\$23,358.30	\$10,037.34	\$253,261.03	\$381,558.46

2022	4201	4202	4203	4204	4205	4206	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$53,663.45	\$63,213.32	-\$49,900.78	\$1,072.95	\$17,714.35	-\$56,206.26	\$1,149,552.04	\$1,179,109.07
Feb	\$15,260.83	\$91,162.51		\$726.93	\$23,394.78	-\$279.64	\$698,223.18	\$828,488.59
Mar	\$45,406.30	\$17,986.10		\$1,246.68	-\$38,910.51	-\$24,034.63	\$1,228,486.72	\$1,230,180.66
Apr	\$6,816.52	\$31,118.77	-\$2,834.65	\$273.71	-\$46,492.35	-\$4.02	\$366,543.07	\$355,421.05
May	\$9,774.17	\$79,505.43	-\$11,127.98	\$16,650.50	\$46,670.66	-\$12,325.03	\$608,805.78	\$737,953.53
Jun	\$3,672.98	-\$28,873.69		\$4,206.01	\$24,445.26	\$0.00	\$1,315,923.45	\$1,319,374.01
Jul	\$9,182.77	\$30,527.64	-\$5.98	-\$101,144.57	\$84,632.65	\$1.50	\$173,440.03	\$196,634.04
Aug	\$35,258.68	\$13,831.12	\$20,384.56	-\$3,795.81	\$66,729.50	\$49,680.15	\$1,161,998.12	\$1,344,086.32
Sep	\$43,466.21	-\$21,978.29		-\$14,417.98	-\$11,154.11		\$419,143.35	\$415,059.18
Oct	\$8,782.54	\$668.05		-\$873.76	\$324.39	\$61,585.83	\$508,082.98	\$578,570.03
Nov	\$238.71	\$219.46		\$33,450.63	\$8,214.52	\$1.00	\$684,575.40	\$726,699.72
Dec	\$7,083.86	\$11,533.83		\$0.80	-\$16,882.44	-\$25.34	325,832.49	\$327,543.20

2023	4201	4202	4203	4204	4205	4206	Component MRO	Total
Jan	\$1,988.91	-\$3,079.89	\$0.20	\$0.50	\$3,222.15	\$0.90	\$351,490.05	\$353,622.82
Feb	-\$62,497.03	-\$56,837.98	\$1.00	-\$3,263.41	-\$54,439.32	-\$10,902.63	\$418,188.24	\$230,248.87
Mar	\$35,550.75	\$23,919.28		\$9,281.75	\$19,136.80	\$16,494.31	\$577,095.26	\$681,478.15
Apr							\$692,851.74	\$692,851.74
May							\$351,932.07	\$351,932.07
Jun							\$208,691.56	\$208,691.56
Jul			\$418.72	-\$2,852.38		\$837.43	\$376,282.48	\$374,686.25
Aug							\$7,747.02	\$7,747.02
Sep							-\$197,835.63	-\$197,835.63
Oct							\$3,042.88	\$3,042.88
Nov							\$10.90	\$10.90
Dec							\$11.00	\$11.00

2024	4201	4202	4203	4204	4205	4206	Component MRO	Total
Jan							-\$19,792.41	-\$19,792.41
Feb	\$63.66	\$683.19					\$13.16	\$760.01
Mar							\$16.16	\$16.16
Apr							-\$20,483.03	-\$20,483.03
May							-\$8,247.02	-\$8,247.02
Jun							\$3,794.55	\$3,794.55
Jul							\$9,696.04	\$9,696.04
Aug							\$8,003.90	\$8,003.90
Sep							-\$4,790.02	-\$4,790.02
Oct							-\$18,978.02	-\$18,978.02
Nov							-\$10,332.14	-\$10,332.14
Dec							\$1,241.71	\$1,241.71