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On 5 October 2022, you made the following request to the Department Prime Minister and Cabinet under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'How much did it cost for the Prime Minister, her staff and her New Zealand delegation to attend the Queen's funeral?

I would like a full breakdown of the costs.'

On 17 October 2022, the request was refined to:

'[...] Broken down as far as possible by cost for airfares, accommodation, meals etc. – is:

1) the costs for the PM and her staff (PMO) – the total number and roles would be sufficient;

2) the costs for any DPMC staff who accompanied the PM; and

3) the costs for the New Zealand delegation.'

On 18 October 2022, the following part of your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry):

'[...] Broken down as far as possible by cost for airfares, accommodation, meals etc. the costs for the New Zealand delegation.'

The total cost of the New Zealand delegation (fourteen individuals) to attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II was NZ\$264,315.66 (including GST). The total cost can be broken down as follows:

- Flights NZ\$171,858.22;
- Accommodation NZ\$48,585.33;
- Ground transport NZ\$43,117.37;
- RAT tests NZ\$142.24 ;and
- Travel insurance NZ\$612.50.

It is important to note that some of the New Zealand delegation are United Kingdom based and did not require flights to attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade