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I refer to your email of 20 February in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*'readily available data on the amount of flights taken by staff and/or spend from 2022 or 2021'*

For the purposes of compiling an inventory of the Ministry's carbon emissions, 9,680 flights were identified in the 2021/22 financial year, up from 5,697 flights undertaken in the 2020/21 financial year. The inventory captures all point to point flights recorded in the travel codes of the Ministry's general ledger.

The Ministry's travel spending is published each year as part of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee's (FADTC) Annual Review process. The Ministry's response to the 2020/21 Annual Review questionnaire can be found on the Parliament website. Please refer to the "Training, Travel and Other Expenses" section (questions 96-99):

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCFD\\_EVI\\_117878\\_FD869/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade-responses-questions](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCFD_EVI_117878_FD869/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade-responses-questions)

The Ministry's response to the 2021/22 Annual Review questionnaire will be published on the Parliament website after the FADTC hearing (on 9 March). When published, the information will be publicly available at the link below:

<https://selectcommittees.parliament.nz/v/1/d0914755-167f-4691-9ce0-7700248a9243>

Therefore, the part of your request that relates to spending on travel is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information requested is, or will soon be, publicly available.

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](mailto: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](http://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