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Thank you for your email of 26 July 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *A list of all the countries where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade are assisting employees with their children's school fees.*
- *And, breakdown how much the Ministry has spent on school fees in each of those countries for April 2023 – March 2024.'*

On 23 August 2024, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 10 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) recognises the disruption to staff and their families that is caused by temporarily living overseas. A range of allowances and benefits are provided to staff and their families to ensure that they are not disadvantaged relative to Ministry staff based within New Zealand.

The information you have requested is attached as **Appendix One**. We are providing information for the full 2023/24 financial year, as this is the form the data is held in.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix One:

School fees and associated costs paid by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the financial year 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 (listed by country)	
Country	Expenditure (NZD\$)
Argentina	190,607
Australia	77,569
Belgium	418,970
Brazil	47,907
Canada	11,872
Chile	74,779
China	651,773
Cook Islands	570
Timer-Leste	80,302
Ethiopia	36,258
Fiji	170,670
France	12,413
Germany	25,842
Indonesia	230,330
Iran	19,727
Ireland	17,832
Italy	63,617
Japan	117,927
Malaysia	138,596
Mexico	40,847
Netherlands	115,636
New Caledonia	30,370
Papua New Guinea	190,738
Philippines	215,468
Poland	127,084
Russia	284,920
Saudi Arabia	94,570
Solomon Islands	96,597
South Africa	7,867
South Korea	63,489
Spain	21,389
Sri Lanka	106,296
Sweden	40,720
Switzerland	887
Taiwan	12,722

School fees and associated costs paid by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the financial year 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 (listed by country)	
Country	Expenditure (NZD\$)
Thailand	17,255
Tonga	3,620
Türkiye	22,240
UAE	68,311
UK	195,489
USA	574,859
Vanuatu	69,136
Viet Nam	135,468