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Thank you for your email of 8 July 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- "1. What has New Zealand paid (and including yet to be paid) in total for hosting this visit?
2. Please break down into who paid what and what expenses were covered by the New Zealand taxpayer through which departments.
3. Please also break down and list any and all gifts to Modi and any of his team."

Background

As advised by the Department of Internal Affairs on 22 July 2026 (OIA2627-0028 refers), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) holds information relevant to part three of your request regarding gifts provided to Prime Minister Modi or members of his delegation.

Parts one and two of your request, which seek information about the breakdown of security costs and the total cost of hosting the visit across government, fall within the responsibilities of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, New Zealand Police, and the New Zealand Defence Force. As these agencies have already received your request directly, no transfer under section 14 of the OIA is necessary, and we refer you to their responses.

Response to your request

The Ministry incurred the following costs in scope of your request:

- 3x Matariki/Krittika candle sets
Total = NZ\$883.98
- 2x first-edition signed copies of Sir Edmund Hillary's book From the Ocean to the Sky
Total = NZ\$342
- 1x custom book box for the book
Total= NZ\$258.75

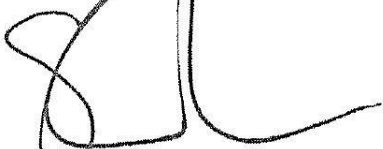
Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade