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Dear Mr Pritchard

Thank you for your email of 9 July requesting under the Official Information Act:

“the total expenses incurred by you and your office relating to negotiations for the Trans Pacific Partnership since you were appointed Trade Minister in 2008 to the nearest thousand dollars?”

Expenses incurred by my office are published on a quarterly basis by the department of Internal Affairs. These are publicly available at <http://www.dia.govt.nz/About-us-Our-Organisation-Ministers-expenses?OpenDocument>.

Any travel to Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) events invariably include business relating to other trade or climate change matters. It would be difficult to accurately separate expenses specifically to TPP events from other ministerial business I undertake without extensive research and collation.

I must therefore refuse your request under sections 18(d) and 18(f) of the Act. Please note you are welcome to consult with the Ombudsman regarding this response.

Yours sincerely

Tim Groser
Minister of Trade