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Ref: PMO 2022-279

Dear A. J Shepard

Official Information Act request about carbon offset for ministerial air travel

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 25 August 2022. You have requested:

"[...] 1.1 request the information sent to "toitu envirocare" used to calculate carbon credit offsets for ministerial air travel. Please supply information for individual mps/ministers per year from 2017 when labour took office.

2. Are carbon offsets used for ALL air travel including commercial flights, the use of the RNZAF boeing 737 and various helicopter flights etc?. If not then please clarify air travel in which carbon offsets are used.

3. What is the total cost per year for carbon offsets for ministerial air travel? Please supply details for each year as far back as its held for this.

4. What is the total cost for consultant fees/ advice etc paid to "toitu envirocare" to calculate ministerial carbon offsets for air travel? Please supply details as far back as its held for this".

I believe the requested information is more closely connected to the functions of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to DIA.

Please note I have extended the time limit of your request in order to make this transfer. This extension was necessary to undertake consultations regarding the transfer of your request.

DIA has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff