

OIA-2014-2141

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Dear J S Vautier

I refer to your email of 9 November 2014 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), details of the Prime Minister's use of military transport aircraft for international travel. Your requests were transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) on 24 November 2014 for a response, as they were more closely connected to the functions of the NZDF than those of DPMC. Your requests were for:

A breakdown of the Prime Minister's use of military transport aircraft for international travel, the primary purpose of the travel including destination and date, and the number of non-defence force passengers on board including the Prime Minister between January 2012 and November 2014.

Where multiple stops are made en route to a destination please provide the above information for all legs flown by defence aircraft.

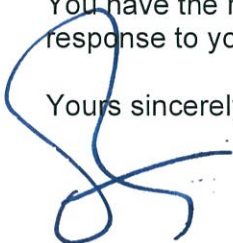
Any correspondence between the Prime Minister's office and NZDF or Commercial airlines discussing the development of the business case relating to the decision to travel via military transport or commercial airlines particularly including financial analysis undertaken from any travel in the past 12 months.

I have attached a table listing the Prime Minister's travels on NZDF aircraft from January 2012 to November 2014. The table reports on the total number of non-NZDF passengers for each trip, although it does not show whether some of those passengers disembarked after a particular leg of travel.

I must, however, decline to meet your request for correspondence regarding the decision to travel using military aircraft under s. 18(e) of the OIA. No relevant information can be found. Pursuant to s. 18B of the OIA, I have considered whether consulting with you could assist in removing the reason for the refusal, but this could not result in a different outcome.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



T.J. KEATING

Lieutenant General
Chief of Defence Force

Flight Number	Flight Start Date	Prime Minister's Destinations	Flight Itinerary	Personnel on flight
NSB086	15/04/2012	Halim-Changi-Darwin-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Darwin-Halim-Penang-Halim-Changi-Darwin-Whenuapai	57
NPB440	31/07/2012	Wellington-Faleolo-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Wellington-Faleolo-Whenuapai	91
NPB038	28/08/2012	Wellington-Rarotonga-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Wellington-Rarotonga-Whenuapai	75
NVB051	6/09/2012	Whenuapai-Cairns-Narita-Vladivostok-Narita-Cairns-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Cairns-Narita-Vladivostok-Narita-Cairns-Whenuapai	43
NZH039	20/09/2012	Wellington-Chatham Islands-Wellington	Whenuapai-Wellington-Chatham Islands-Wellington-Whenuapai	28
NSB858	19/11/2012	Whenuapai-Darwin-Phnom Penh-Siem Reap-Phnom Penh-Yangon-Naypyitaw-Darwin-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Darwin-Phnom Penh-Siem Reap-Phnom Penh-Yangon-Naypyitaw-Darwin-Whenuapai-Wellington-Whenuapai	34
NLB017	3/03/2013	Mexico City-Cartagena-Santiago-Puerto Montt-Sao Paulo-Guaru-Brasilia- Sao Paulo-Guaru- Brasilia-Santiago-Easter Island-Ntaa- Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Faleolo-Phnl-Ksan-Mexico City-Cartagena-Santiago-Puerto Montt-Sao Paulo-Guaru-Brasilia-Sao Paulo-Guaru-Brasilia-Santiago-Easter Island-Ntaa-Whenuapai	78
NHB381	7/04/2013	Guangzhou-Hongqiao-Beijing Intl-Cebu-Cairns-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Cairns-Guangzhou-Hongqiao-Beijing Intl-Cebu-Cairns-Whenuapai-Wellington-Whenuapai	108
NPB059	24/07/2013	Whenuapai-Honiara-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Honiara-Whenuapai	76
NPB360	3/09/2013	Whenuapai-Majuro-Majuro-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Majuro-Honiara-Majuro-Whenuapai	82
NAB492	2/10/2013	Christchurch-Fairbairn-Wellington	Whenuapai-Christchurch-Fairbairn-Wellington	14
NSB854	5/10/2013	Whenuapai-Amberley-Bali Intl-Brunei-Townsville-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Amberley-Bali Intl-Brunei-Townsville-Whenuapai	31
NSB958	14/11/2013	Whenuapai-Darwin-Columbo-Bangkok-Darwin-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Darwin-Columbo-Bangkok-Darwin-Whenuapai	64
NAB689	6/02/2014	Whenuapai-Sydney-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Wellington-Whenuapai-Sydney-Whenuapai-Wellington-Whenuapai	75
NPB537	1/06/2014	Whenuapai-Faleolo-Fua Amotu-Niue-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Wellington-Whenuapai-Faleolo-Fua Amotu-Niue-Whenuapai	50
NAH737	29/10/2014	Albany-Perth	Whenuapai-Edinburgh-Pearce-Albany-Perth-Albany-Perth-Albany-Richmond-Christchurch-Ohakea-Whenuapai	29
NAB529	31/10/2014	Perth-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Perth-Whenuapai	22
NHB243	9/11/2014	Whenuapai-Darwin-Beijing Intl-Chengdu-Naypyitaw-Darwin-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Darwin-Beijing Intl-Chengdu-Naypyitaw-Darwin-Whenuapai	59
NAB516	15/11/2014	Whenuapai-Brisbane-Whenuapai	Whenuapai-Brisbane-Whenuapai	32