



30 August 2023

Ref: DOIA 2324-0227

Dear Valerie Morse,

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide all information about MBIE's involvement in this year's Aerospace summit in Ōtautahi/Christchurch including -All MBIE funding -Number and positions of staff who will be attending -Involvement of MBIE in development of the programme”

As outlined in the recently released Aotearoa New Zealand Aerospace Strategy, a range of government agencies have roles and responsibilities in the aerospace sector. Relevant teams in MBIE include the New Zealand Space Agency, Innovative Partnerships and Tourism.

While the Aerospace Summit operates independently of government, MBIE has provided support to the organisers. MBIE has identified and made introductions to domestic and international subject matter experts and has also made stakeholders aware of the Aerospace Summit as part of normal business engagements. The programme and activities for the Aerospace Summit are intended to cater to a wide audience, including domestic and international government representatives. MBIE officials will be attending the Aerospace Summit, and the following officials have accepted invitations to speak at the event:

- Nic Blakeley, Deputy Secretary Labour, Science and Enterprise
- Andrew Johnson, Manager Space Policy and Sector Development
- Dr Jess Dallas, Principal Policy Advisor, Space Policy and Sector Development
- Tim Searle, Principal Policy Advisor, Space Policy and Sector Development.

Further decisions about officials' attendance at the Summit have not yet been finalised. MBIE has provided a financial sponsorship contribution toward the costs of the Aerospace Summit in 2023. MBIE's contribution is \$20,000.

I trust you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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