

Hon Simon Watts

Minister of Climate Change
Minister of Revenue



26 February 2024

Adam M

By email: fyi-request-25732-d941ad65@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Adam M,

Thank you for your email on 14 February in which you sent the following request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I am requesting the costings and detail of costings for your travel to COP28 and your support staff from your office - not ministry officials, iwi - just your office. The cabinet paper said one member from your staff - please confirm if this was still the case.

As per the cabinet paper, it gave estimates for airfares, accomodation (\$7360pp), hospitality, other expenses, and contingency.

Please provide the costs associated for you and your staff member by each section.

Please provide these not as combined totals - but individual costs between you and your supporting staff.

Please also include breakdowns and receipts (not sum totals by section) for each meal, transport costs (including taxi, flight prices - and ticket type), any "contingency" spend, "other expenses", other hospitality, etc.

Please also name the accomodation used and the room type."

Appendix 1 outlines information regarding travel costs associated with my travel to the 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai (COP28). As requested by you, expenditure is broken down by type of expenditure and by who those costs were associated with. Appendix 2 contains receipts which provide breakdowns of each transaction.

I can confirm I was supported at the conference by one member of my staff.

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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Simon Watts', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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