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Tēnā koe T Baker

We refer to your email of 27 May 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"Please provide the following information relating to the Christchurch Call:*

- 1. Itinerary (dates, location, duration, who was traveling etc) of all travel associated with the Christchurch Call for all personnel associated with Christchurch Call including Special Envoy. For each itinerary please identify the role of the individuals involved.*
- 2. Costs associated with each separate itinerary including breakdown of flights, accommodation, food and other related items.*
- 3. If there is any future travel planned, breakdown of the estimated cost (budget) for those itineraries.*

*Above information is requested for the period since Christchurch Call was initiated until now, including any future travel planned."*

On 5 June 2024 you agreed to refine your request as follows:

*"Please provide the following information relating to the Christchurch Call:*

- 1. Dates, location, and purpose of the most significant travel associated with the Christchurch Call for all personnel associated with Christchurch Call including Special Envoy.*
- 2. Total costs for each financial year associated with travel.*
- 3. If there is any future travel planned, breakdown of the estimated cost (budget) for those itineraries.*

*Above information is requested for the period since Christchurch Call was initiated until now, including any future travel planned."*

On 6 June 2024 your request was transferred in part under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) for response.

In response to part one of your request, please see **Annex A** for information relating to the most significant travel paid for by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Please note that this does not contain costs for travel associated with Special Envoy - you are referred to DPMC's response for this information.

In response to part two of your request, please see **Annex B** for the total costs incurred by MFAT for each financial year associated with travel for the Christchurch Call.

Part three of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist. No future travel associated with the Christchurch Call has been planned by MFAT.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Annex A – Dates, location, and purpose of the most significant travel associated with the Christchurch Call paid for by MFAT

Date	Location	Purpose
May 2019	Paris, France	Travel by MFAT staff and civil society representatives in support of the first Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit in Paris.
September 2019	New York, USA	Travel by MFAT staff and representatives of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network in support of the second Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit in New York.
September 2022	New York, USA	Travel by MFAT staff, a facilitator and representatives of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network in support of the fourth Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit in New York.
November 2023	Paris, France	Travel by MFAT staff and representatives of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network in support of the fifth Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit in Paris.

Annex B – Total costs for each financial year associated with travel

Financial year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 YTD
<b>Actual travel expenditure \$NZD</b>	130,973	206,316	1,860	0	177,512	152,818

## Notes about this data:

- The figures provided above include all travel costs incurred by MFAT only in relation to the Christchurch Call and are not limited to those provided for most significant travel in response to part one of your request.
- The variance in expenditure between financial years is due to the hosting of Leaders' Summits. In 2020/21 a Leaders' Summit did not take place, and in 2021/22 a virtual Summit was held.
- Any costs incurred and not coded as in relation to the Christchurch Call have not been included in this response.