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Mr Francis Cole

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Dear Mr Cole

I refer to your email of 2 November 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), passenger lists for the Prime Minister's trips to the Middle East and Asia earlier this year. Specifically, you requested:

- *Regarding the Prime Minister's Middle East trip in April 2015 to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE – the list of passengers on the RNZAF 757 flight on each leg; and*
- *Regarding the Prime Minister's trip to Korea and Japan in March 2015 – the list of passengers on the RNZAF 757 flight on each leg*

The names of passengers for the Prime Ministers flight to the Middle East in April 2015 are withheld under Section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. I can confirm that there were a total of 48 passengers on the leg from Dubai to Riyadh and 51 passengers on the leg from Riyadh to Kuwait.

The New Zealand Defence Force has no record of any RNZAF 757 flights to Korea and Japan in March 2015 in relation to the Prime Ministers travels; therefore we can not provide passenger details for the second part of your request.

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

Yours sincerely



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