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Suzanne Newton

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Dear Suzanne Newton

Official Information Act Request Relating to Travel Expenses for the Prime Minister's Son

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 23 February 2016 that asked for *"the amount you [the Prime Minister] have paid, or will pay towards the cost of transporting your son to Australia and also who paid for his accommodation and expenses whilst in Australia. If the accommodation was paid for by NZ Government, then also provide the amount that will be repaid by the Prime Minister, or has been paid by him, to cover his son's expenses. If there is no intention to pay for Max Key's expenses, I would like confirmation of this and also the value of the services etc he has received from New Zealand Tax Payers."*

I can confirm that the Prime Minister's son travelled one way on the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) flight from Auckland to Sydney when the Prime Minister made a recent visit to Australia. The full costs of this flight will be or have been recovered from the Key family (on the same basis that the costs for the flight are recovered from members of the media who accompanied the Prime Minister on the same flight). For the return flight to New Zealand, the Prime Minister's son flew commercially, and these costs were paid for by the Prime Minister in a private capacity. The Prime Minister's son stayed privately in Sydney. Any incidental costs were also covered privately.

No costs were incurred by the taxpayer for the Prime Minister's son's travel or accommodation for this visit to Australia.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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