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Dear Ms Morse

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 25 April 2017, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

the total cost of the NZ exhibition at the Australian International Airshow 2017, including the amount paid by the Ministry of Defence, that portion paid by the NZDF and that paid for by the NZ Defence Industry Association -the number of MoD staff that went to the exhibition, what their job description and roles were and the costs of their trips.

The total cost of the New Zealand exhibition is unknown as we do not hold financial information for the New Zealand Defence Industry Association (NZDIA). To obtain this information you will need to contact NZDIA directly. \$5522 was paid by the Ministry of Defence (the Ministry), and \$5522 paid by the New Zealand Defence Force.

Five Ministry staff attended the Australian International Airshow 2017 at a total cost of \$12,592.45. The purpose of their visit was to engage potential suppliers and partners on future air capability projects, including the replacement of our maritime surveillance and air transport fleets. The roles of the staff that attended were a Domain Director, two Industry Engagement Advisors and two Analysts.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

Secretary of Defence