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Dear Mark West

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2017. You asked for:

1. *Total travel expenditure, broken down by travel mode. Specifically, I wish for a breakdown of travel expenditure to indicate spending on flights, ferry trips, car trips and intercity bus.*
2. *Total number of trips made, broken down by travel mode. Specifically, I wish for a breakdown to include the number of trips made by flying, ferry, car and intercity bus.*
3. *Destinations of travel (excluding Wellington City and Epsom Electorate).*

All of the requests refer to the time period from 29 September 2014 until present day.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

However I am declining your request under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. The information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

Department of Internal Affairs have a quarterly release of Ministers' expenses which has a breakdown of Wellington accommodation, out of Wellington accommodation, domestic air travel, and surface travel (Ministers, Spouse and Staff). This information can be found: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/About-us-Our-Organisation-Ministers-expenses?OpenDocument>

This fully covers the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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to the Minister of Education