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Matthew Hooton

By email: fyi-request-9106-3ea24960@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

"Under the OIA, please advise how many people from across the New Zealand public service will be attending the Katowice Climate Change Conference, including the 24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP24) to the UNFCCC, the 14th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1-3), their names and agencies; the estimated financial cost for each of them; and the estimated total CO2e emissions for each of them. Please also advise the objectives and success measures for the attendance at the conference.

This includes ministers and their staff as well as other public servants."

COP24 outcome

COP24 (taken to include CMP and CMA1-3) was an important meeting for the global climate change response and for New Zealand. The meeting saw a big step forward in the adoption of the bulk of the rules required to operationalise the Paris Agreement. A key outcome for New Zealand was agreement to the rules for the "common transparency framework" which determines how all countries will report their climate action and how it will be reviewed. Engagement by the New Zealand delegation within and outside the negotiations helped secure a good outcome for New Zealand, whilst providing the opportunity to tell our domestic story and demonstrate climate leadership.

New Zealand achieved its objectives for the COP24 conference, which were to:

- Reach agreement on a Paris Agreement 'rulebook' that is robust, transparent and has environmental integrity.
- Work closely with our Pacific neighbours consistent with the Government's Pacific Reset, and use the IPCC Special Report on 1.5 degrees to generate impetus for more ambitious action.
- Raise awareness of sustainable agriculture and climate change, including through hosting a programme of events called Act!on Agriculture.
- Progress other initiatives that New Zealand is taking a leading role in, such as the Carbon Neutrality Coalition and the Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform.
- Raise the profile of recent initiatives in New Zealand, such as the launch of New Zealand Green Investment Finance Ltd.

The Official New Zealand delegation, names and agencies

The Official New Zealand delegation included 14 negotiators (see names below), the Minister for Climate Change and his private secretary Stuart Dymond, and Climate Change Ambassador Jo Tyndall who was present in her role as the co-chair of the Paris Agreement 'rulebook' negotiations. The delegation also included Opposition Climate Change Spokesperson Todd Muller MP, and three (self-funded) representatives from Tokelau.

New Zealand officials who attended COP24 were present for varying periods during the conference. The public sector participants that were part of the official delegation ensured that New Zealand's interests were represented in COP24's multiple working groups. There were numerous working groups running concurrently and separate bodies operating in parallel, which meant it was essential to have enough people to represent New Zealand's interests.

The number of negotiators (14) on the Official New Zealand delegation was comparable with previous years.

The officials that were part of the Official New Zealand delegation as negotiators were:

Anna Broadhurst

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Stephanie Lee

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Kate Wilson Butler	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Sophie Kalderimis	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Alysha Bagasra	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Ali Carlin	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Daniel White	New Zealand Embassy, Brussels
Helen Plume	Ministry for the Environment
Kay Harrison	Ministry for the Environment
Todd Croad	Ministry for the Environment
Amelia Guy-Meakin	Ministry for the Environment
Victoria Hatton	Ministry for Primary Industries
Maya Hunt	Ministry for Primary Industries
Alessandro Aduso	Ministry for Primary Industries

New Zealand officials associated with the Official delegation

Officials also participated in events that took place in support of New Zealand's objectives for the meeting. An important goal for COP24 was to increase the impetus for more ambitious action, and in order to do this we contributed to sharing New Zealand's knowledge and experience, for example on sustainable agriculture and climate change. It was also an opportunity to raise the profile of recent initiatives in New Zealand, such as New Zealand Green Investment Finance Ltd.

New Zealand's showpiece contribution to COP24 was the 'Act!on Agriculture' event that took place over three days (10-12 December 2018). This event was led by New Zealand, in partnership with France, Australia, the Netherlands and Ireland. This particular event was an important opportunity for New Zealand to showcase the work we are doing to increase agricultural productivity, reduce agricultural emissions and build resilience to climate change. This is an area where New Zealand is a world leader. We can help other nations with ideas and knowledge, and the lessons from other countries can help us improve what we do too.

New Zealand officials who were not part of the official delegation but were associated with the delegation and participated in events and supported New Zealand's agriculture, green investment and carbon market interests were:

Rachael Dunn	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Jessica Bensemam	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Lorraine Lal	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Robert Greene	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Maree McEnaney	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Martin Garrod	New Zealand Embassy, Brussels
Margot Gibson	New Zealand Embassy, Brussels
Meredith Davis	Ministry for the Environment
Hayden Montgomery	Ministry for Primary Industries (in role as Global Research Alliance Special Representative)
Cecilia Tarrant	The Treasury (as Chair of New Zealand Green Investment Finance Limited)
Geraldine Treacher	The Treasury
Craig Wiese	The Treasury

Non-government attendees supported to participate

A contribution was made to support the travel of 8 agriculture sector representatives who helped showcase New Zealand's sustainable agriculture experience through the Action Agriculture event. These participants were:

Dr Liz Wedderburn	AgResearch
Katie Milne	Federated Farmers
Dr David Burger	Dairy NZ
Ben O'Brien	Beef + Lamb New Zealand
Christopher Brankin	Ngai Tahu
Craige MacKenzie	Agri Optics
Turi Mcfarlane	2018 Nuffield NZ scholar

In addition to the agricultural representatives, support was provided to the following non-official representatives who were asked to participate to bring a wider set of perspectives from New Zealand society:

Mike Smith	Iwi representative
Hinekaa Mako	Iwi representative
Cliff Law	NIWA
Minoru Nishi	Pacific Business Speaker
Wiktorja Ojrzynska	Massey University film student
Amiria Ranfurly	Massey University film student

Three other non-official representatives participated in COP24 - representing Business New Zealand, environmental NGOs, and the CTU - and were self-funded.

Estimated costs

The estimated costs for participation at COP24 by 27 New Zealand officials will be around \$403,100, inclusive of accommodation, flights, land transport and food allowances. This is being provided at an aggregate rather than individual level given the figure is an estimate with some invoices still to be reconciled, and that some expenses are shared across the whole delegation. In addition, costs for the Minister and his Private Secretary are estimated at \$26,900, and the opposition spokesperson at \$13,000.

International travel undertaken for inter-governmental negotiations and meetings is an integral part of the Government's climate change business. All travel is undertaken in accordance with the relevant departmental and Ministerial Services guidelines, and is subject to the respective formal approval processes.

The support provided to enable the participation of non-governmental attendees is estimated at around \$80,900.

Estimated CO₂ emissions

While some airlines do offer an estimate of the CO₂ cost per flight on their tickets, this is not information that is collected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, or any of the Ministries involved in the Katowice Climate Change Conference. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(g), as the information is not held by the department, and I have no grounds for believing that information is held by another agency.

However, offsetting emissions is an issue I am concerned about and I have asked that this is considered for future international climate change travel.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Shaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon James Shaw
Minister for Climate Change