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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 21 December 2023, to the office of Rt Hon Christopher Luxon requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

- 1) *How much did it cost for Christopher Luxon to take an Air Force 757 to Australia?*
- 2) *Did Mr Luxon stay overnight, and if so, how much did this cost?*

Part one of your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA.

The cost for transporting members of the Government and guests of the State forms part of the operational budget of the NZDF under Output 4.4 – Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in Non-Emergency Situations. No additional funding is required for these missions. Information concerning Output 4.4 is publicly available in the Annual Report on the NZDF website<sup>1</sup>.

The short term tasking cost for the Boeing 757-2K2 was \$67,850. These costs include marginal personnel costs, fuel, airport charges and other associated costs in relation to the flight. Short-term tasking rates do not include workshop maintenance, personnel salaries, depreciation and capital charge.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**

Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/NZDF-Annual-Report-2023.PDF>