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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 June 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

I'm getting in touch to please request total costs for repairs to the Prime Ministers' NZDF plane[s], and a list of all planes which are used for the PM's travel, from the past 5 years.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) operates three types of fixed wing aircraft that may sometimes be employed to transport the Prime Minister when requested to do so by the Government. These are the Boeing 757, the C-130H Hercules, and the Beechcraft Kingair 350. Predominantly, these aircraft are used for core military transport tasks.

To keep them operational for all tasks, all NZDF aircraft undergo scheduled and unscheduled Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO). The cost of MRO for NZDF owned aircraft is included in the operating budget. The Kingairs are leased and their maintenance is included in the lease. The below table shows the approximate annual costs of MRO for the B757 and the C-130H for the five calendar years to 2023.

Aircraft	2019 (\$M)	2020 (\$M)	2021 (\$M)	2022 (\$M)	2023 (\$M)
B757	9.379	6.833	13.205	31.386	11.949
C-130H	18.111	21.340	21.210	25.536	16.285

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 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

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