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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 5 February 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information about the recent C-130H Hercules farewell Flight:

Could you please provide a breakdown of the costs for this tour, including, but not limited to:

- the fuel cost;*
- the man hour cost;*
- maintenance costs, if any.*

The farewell tour of the New Zealand Defence Force's (NZDF) C-130H Hercules aircraft was flown by three aircraft, over 3 and 4 February 2025. The total flying time accumulated was 25.8 hours, and cost approximately \$292,300. This figure is determined using the hourly short term tasking cost for the C-130H Hercules for Financial Year 2024/25. This includes 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. A further breakdown of this cost is not available.

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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