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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 21 July 2026 to the Department of Internal Affairs requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *The total cost to New Zealand taxpayers of hosting Prime Minister Modi's visit.*
2. *If possible, a breakdown of those costs by category, including but not limited to:*
 - *Security and policing*
 - *Diplomatic and protocol arrangements*
 - *Venue hire and event management*
 - *Transport*
 - *Accommodation*
 - *Catering and hospitality*
 - *Interpretation and translation services*
 - *Media and communications*
 - *Any ceremonial or cultural activities funded by the New Zealand Government*
 - *Any other costs incurred by government agencies.*
3. *Any estimates prepared before the visit and the final actual costs, if they differ.*
4. *Details of which agencies incurred these costs and the amount paid by each.*
5. *Whether any costs were reimbursed or shared by the Government of India or any other organisation. If so, please provide details.*

Your request was transferred in part to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Information on the cost of NZDF support for Prime Minister Modi's visit is publicly available on the NZDF website¹. No estimates were prepared for the NZDF support, and NZDF costs are not *reimbursed or shared by the Government of India or any other organisation*.

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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¹ https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2026-5901-5903-5931_NZDF-costs-for-PM-Modi-visit.pdf