



20 February 2019

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Reference: OIA-2018/19-0401

Dear [Redacted]

**Official Information Act request for information relating to the Prime Minister's recent visit to Europe – costs incurred by DPMC**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 30 January 2019. You requested:

*"...a detailed itinerary, showing in half-hour blocks, of the Prime minister's recent trip to Europe.  
Could you also include the cost of travel and accommodation for the PM and those accompanying her..."*

On 13 February 2019, I wrote to you in relation to the first part of your request for an itinerary of the Prime Minister's recent visit to Europe and transferring to the Prime Minister and relevant agencies (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and NZ Police) the second part of your request in relation to costs incurred by each of those agencies.

I am now in a position to respond to you regarding relevant costs incurred for DPMC officials. I can confirm that one DPMC official accompanied the Prime Minister on her recent visit to Europe. The known travel and accommodation costs to date (including all invoices received as at 11 February 2019) for this visit are: \$18,196. Please note all costs exclude GST.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

For completeness, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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