
From: Jenny Lapham
Sent: Friday, 20 September 2024 03:11 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)
Request - International Flights
Attachments: List of dates and locations.pdf

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your LGOIMA request received on 26 July 2024, requesting international flights information, and that we extended on 23 August 2024.

Please find below the answers to your questions raised.

1. A list of all international flights taken by your Council staff and elected members from July 2019 to the present.
2. The dates of these flights.
3. The number of people who took each flight.
4. The cost of the airfares.
5. The purpose of travel

For questions 1, 2 and 4, please find attached a list of international flights taken from our financial system, and their cost (GST excl.). I note that there are a few entries that do not provide the detail of location, or specific dates. We have attempted to find the information but we have been unable to easily locate the details.

With respect to questions 3 and 5, in order to provide the number of people who took each flight, and the purpose of travel, we would need to review every invoice over the five year period to find this information. Therefore pursuant to section 17 (f) of the LGOIMA that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, your request for the number of people who took each flight and purpose of travel is declined.

As we have declined to provide some of the information you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Kā mihi

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From: Rebecca Murray
Sent: Friday, 23 August 2024 11:04 am
To: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Official Information Request - International Flights

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your request below and advise that we will be extending the time to respond to your request by 20 working days (Friday, 20 September 2024), pursuant to section 14 (b) of the LGOIMA that the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response on the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. We will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

As we have extended the time to respond to your request you are advised that you have the right to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Kā mihi

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From: Official Information
Sent: Friday, 26 July 2024 11:13 am
To: [REDACTED]@taxpayers.org.nz [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Official Information Request - International Flights

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) LGOIMA Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information. This message is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received.

If we are unable to respond to your request within the timeframe, we will advise you that we require an extension to respond to your request.

If your request is complex or requires a large amount of collation and research, we may contact you with a view to either refining your request or discussing the possibility of charging for aspects of your request in line with the Dunedin City Council's Charging for LGOIMA Requests Policy.

If we decide to release the information, we aim to provide it at the same time as we give our decision. If this is not possible, we will provide the information as soon as reasonably practicable.

If you need to contact us about your request, please email officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz or phone 03 477 4000.

Kā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 10:54 AM

To: dcc@dcc.govt.nz

Subject: Official Information Request - International Flights

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a request for official information under the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 regarding international flights and associated costs.

We request the following information:

1. A list of all international flights taken by your Council staff and elected members from July 2019 to the present.
2. The dates of these flights.
3. The number of people who took each flight.
4. The cost of the airfares.
5. The purpose of travel

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available.

Where possible, data that can be presented in an Excel format is preferred to other methods of presentation, such as PDF.

To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response, and any other correspondence related to this request to this email address:

phoenix@taxpayers.org.nz.

Please refer to "OIA Request: International Flights" in the subject line.

Best regards,



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International travel details					
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Rtn SYD 22/08				1,142	
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MEL Rtn 3/11	1,084				
BNA, US 17/10/20	7,697				
USA June 2020	3,410				
SHA 15/10	4,168				
12/07/19 China	495				
14/07/2019 Melbourne	411				
GLA Rt 16/05			3,367		
SYD 25/05/20	695				
SYD 4/5/20	156				
Toledo 18/10/19	2,611				
Guimaraens 18/10/19	3,584				
Spain 18/10/19	2,611				
MEL 25/07			1,098		
MEL 06/11				1,763	
BNE Rtn 08/07					1,569
BNE Rtn 08/07					1,645
BNE Rtn 14/04				2,386	
Int. Travel		845			
GLA Rt 16/05			3,942		
DUD-GLA 25/06/2020	2,279				
GLA 16/05			1,019		
GLA, GB 25/06/2020	4,063				
VAP 2024					3,267
SYD 25/05/20	695				
Dawson 18/10/19	2,611				
BNE Rtn 14/08					1,421
15/07/2019 China	2,863				
AKL-CTU 04/11/2	1,327				
Melbourne				495	
RTO event	1,000				
Australia	1,721				
NRT 18/9	305				
Rtn SYD	893				
22/07/2019 - China	1,138				
Rtn SYD 30/01/20	926				
BNE Rtn 05/06	839				
LHR-ARN Rtn 03/09	578				
PVG Rtn 06/08					5,605
PVG Rtn 25/11					4,704
Shanghai Nov 23					56
SYD Rtn 19/02					1,614
Flights - CODE			3,508		
PVG 12/7	569				

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
OOL rtn 07/03				1,538	
SIN Rtn 27/08				2,444	
03/09/2019 Stockholm	8,043				
Melbourne				501	
Sydney to Melbourne				141	
Gold Coast to Sydney				132	
31/08/2019 Singapore, Jakarta,	1,579				
China Rtn 06/08					5,605
12/07/2019 China	1,169				
SYD Rtn 22/02				1,043	
International Flights Apr-Jun			3,900		
03/09/2019 - Stockholm	8,043				
22/07/2019 Project Chine	569				
Rtn DUD 26/11/19	2,665				
LHR-ARN Rtn 03/09	478				
MEL Rtn 05/05					1,454
SYD Rtn 28/05				1,379	
24/08/2019 - Thailand	2,028				
SYD Rtn 07/06					1,687
Rtn DUD 05/12	1,524				
08/12/2019 - Sydney	908				
NRT Rtn 23/05				2,296	83
Rtn SYD 30/01	1,021				
12/07/2019 - China	569				
Brisb	732				
Rtn DUD 26/11/19	2,665				
Flights - Australia				1,101	
Brisbane	450				
MEL Rtn 18/03			1,387		
SYD Rt 07/05			1,300		
Rtn DUD 05/12	827				
PVG Rtn 06/08					6,465
PVG Rtn 25/11					5,044
BNE Rtn 10/10					1,647
PVG Rtn 25/11					4,682
SYD Rtn 02/05					1,593
Rtn MEL 04/09				1,619	
YQB Rtn 08/10					4,407
DUD-SIN 06/03/202	606				
Rtn MEL 24/09				1,335	
Rtn MEL 24/09				1,335	
MEL Rtn 06/08					617
SYD Rtn 4/11	1,613				
Rtn PVG 01/12/2019	2,558				
Total Cost	86,776	845	19,521	21,790	53,166