

Hon Julie Anne Genter

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Richard Seager

Kia ora Richard,

Thank you for your email of 2nd August 2019, requesting the following under the Official Information Act:

'the total (nautical) miles/kilometres that you flew in the Calendar year 2018 for;

** Total Domestic nautical miles or kilometres reclaimable travel as an MP & total one way trips*

** Total Domestic nautical miles or kilometres for private travel & total one way trips*

** Total International nautical miles or kilometres reclaimable travel as an MP & total one way trips *Total International nautical miles or kilometres for private travel & total one way trips'*

The Official Information Act only applies to information relating to my duties and work I undertake as a Minister. It does not apply to personal or private matters and it does not apply to non-ministerial work or travel undertaken as a Member of Parliament, which you have asked for.

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed. I have refused your request for information which relates to the 'total one way trip's and for any kilometres travelled on airlines other than Air New Zealand or star alliance partners. This is under section 18(g) of the OIA, as that information does not exist or cannot be found.

Below is the information I am releasing pertaining to my Ministerial air travel kilometres for the 2018 calendar year. This covers all travel on Air New Zealand and star alliance carriers only. The total kilometres travelled with these carriers (and for which data is available) during 2018 is 78,551.

	Domestic air travel (km)	International air travel (km)
Q1, 2018	13442	54051
Q2, 2018	8076	0
Q3, 2018	1250	0
Q4, 2018	1732	0
Total	24500	54051

I agree with you that minimising air travel is an important way to address climate change, but some travel is inevitable for Members of Parliament and Ministers. It is a vital feature of our democracy that MPs are able to meet people from all parts of Aotearoa New Zealand on a regular basis. Unfortunately, we do not have high speed, low emissions trains that would

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enable us to be regularly present in communities and also fulfil our legislative duties in Wellington without flying.

I am also on occasion expected to represent New Zealand overseas. I did so last year to appear before the United Nations.

You will be please to know that all of the above travel as a Minister is offset using an accredited carbon offset scheme.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Anne Genter', written over a horizontal line.

Hon Julie Anne Genter