



Richard Seager

20 AUG 2019

Kia ora Richard,

Thank you for your email of 2 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 the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Justice. 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 (i.e. in my capacity as a Green Party MP), 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 airline carriers only. The total kilometres travelled with these carriers (and for which data is available) during 2018 is 67,894.

	<i>Domestic air travel (km)</i>	<i>International air travel (km)</i>
Q1, 2018	6,724	0
Q2, 2018	14,038	0
Q3, 2018	13,865	19,295
Q4, 2018	13,972	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>48,599</i>	<i>19,295</i>

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, face to face. Unfortunately, we do not have high speed, low emissions trains that would 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 pleased to know that all the above travel as Under-Secretary 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.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan Logie', is positioned below the text 'Sincerely,'.

Jan Logie MP