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Dear Mr Langan

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2021, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*...details of the international travel costs incurred by the Ministry of Defence over the last three financial years. This should include budgeted costs and actual amounts spent, broken down by financial year.*

The below table provides the budgeted and actual cost of the Ministry of Defence's international travel for the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
<b>Departmental funding for international travel</b>			
<b>Budget</b>	\$938,270	\$948,791	\$996,262
<b>Actual</b>	\$501,580	\$728,444	\$574,358
<b>Non-departmental funding for international travel</b>			
<b>Budget*</b>	Multi Year	Multi Year	Multi Year
<b>Actual</b>	\$677,765	\$2,297,120	\$2,447,353
<b>Total spending on international travel</b>			
	\$1,179,345	\$3,025,564	\$3,021,711

**\*Non-departmental funding for international travel** - As part of the Ministry's work to purchase major defence capabilities on behalf of the New Zealand Defence Force, members of the project teams travel internationally in order to manage these projects. The travel budget for these projects are based on required activities across the life of the project spanning multiple years. The actual travel costs are cumulatively tracked against activities and the total budget for the project.

Additional information regarding the Ministry's international travel is provided to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee as part of the Annual Review process, which is publicly available on the Parliament website [www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/foreign-affairs-defence-and-trade](http://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/foreign-affairs-defence-and-trade).

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pasanka', written in a cursive style.

**Pasanka Wickremasinghe**  
**Chief Financial Officer**