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Dear A J Shepard

I refer to your email of 13 July 2022 to the Office of the Prime Minister requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

4. I request the fuel usage for the rnzaf boeing 737 that the prime minister treats as her personal taxi. Please provide fuel usage in a yearly breakdown format from 2017 through to present day.

Question 4 from your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for response in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA.

The Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) does not have any Boeing 737s, the RNZAF generally uses its Boeing 757s for VIP transport. The following table lists the RNZAF Boeing 757 flights from 2017 that included the Prime Minister as a passenger along with Government ministers, officials, and others as required. The total fuel burn is provided per flight. There were no RNZAF Boeing 757 flights taken by the Prime Minister between July 2019 and September 2020.

Date of Flight	Destination	Total Fuel Burn (tonnes)
Nov 2017	Vietnam & Philippines	95.3
Mar 2018	Samoa, Niue, Fiji & Cook Islands	50.5
Mar 2018	Australia	24.5
Sep 2018	Nauru	84.3
Nov 2018	Singapore & Papua New Guinea	163.2
Mar 2019	New Zealand (Christchurch)	10.8
Mar 2019	New Zealand (Christchurch)	10.8
Mar 2019	New Zealand (Christchurch)	10.2
Jun 2019	Guadalcanal & Vanuatu	35.6

April 2022	Singapore & Japan	103
May 2022	United Sates	199
July 2022	Australia	33.7
July 2022	Fiji	26
July 2022	Fiji	32

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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