

Office of the Prime Minister

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Tēnā koe Francis Cole

Official Information Act request for the list of the delegation that accompanied the Prime Minister to London

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, partially transferred to this office from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 15 May 2023. You requested:

"The list of the entire delegation accompanying the prime minister to london in may 2023"

We have interpreted your request to be for a list of the delegation that travelled with the Prime Minister to London in May 2023. The list does not include the members of the Diplomatic Protection Service who accompanied the Prime Minister to London. The Prime Minister travelled to London to undertake trade focused activities in the United Kingdom to promote the NZ/UK Free Trade Agreement and to attend the Coronation service of King Charles III.

The officials accompanying the Prime Minister were Andrew Campbell, Chief Press Secretary from this office, Chris Seed, Chief Executive and Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Guergana Guermanoff, Foreign Policy Advisor, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. In addition, the Prime Minister's Senior Private Secretary also attended as part of the delegation whose name I have decided to withhold under section 9(2)(a) of the Act: to protect the privacy of natural persons.

More information about the Prime Minister's travel to London and the New Zealand delegation who attended King Charles III's Coronation service is available through the following press release:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/pm%E2%80%99s-international-travel-advance-nzs-economic-interests>

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,


Andrew Kirton
Chief of Staff 