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Tēnā koe James

I refer to your email of 30 June 2023, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

The PM is being accompanied to China by the winning Te Matatini Kapa Haka group. Under the OIA please provide the following information.

- 1. The total number of performers/support staff and people associated with the group travelling?*
- 2. Total travel costs/ budget for the group - accommodation, food and beverage, per diems and any other associated costs.*
- 3. Itinerary of the group - where and when the performances are taking place?*
- 4. Which government department is covering the costs?*

On 31 July 2023, the timeframe for responding to your request were extended by an additional 25 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

A response to each part of your request is set out below.

- 1. The total number of performers/support staff and people associated with the group travelling?*

The total number of performers associated with the group travelling was sixteen.

- 2. Total travel costs/ budget for the group - accommodation, food and beverage, per diems and any other associated costs.*

The total budget for the Kapa Haka group was NZD\$80,000. The total costs for the Kapa Haka group was NZD\$52,481.69. The following is a description of what the total costs were spent on:

- Accommodation and Transport - Beijing
- Accommodation and Transport - Shanghai
- Accommodation - Wellington
- New Zealand Domestic Flights
- Meals
- Performer's fees
- COVID-19 / Visa requirements
- Insurance
- Medical Travel Packs
- Contingency

3. *Itinerary of the group - where and when the performances are taking place?*

In accordance with section 16(e) of the OIA, please find below a summary of the itinerary for the Kapa Haka Group:

- I. Pōwhiri (26 June) and cultural performances at two Gala Dinners (Beijing (28 June) and Shanghai (29 June) of 30 minute performance brackets.
- II. Tikanga support and performance at Peking University, in support of Prime Minister (28 June)
- III. International representation and engagement at events hosted at Post in Beijing (26 June) and Shanghai (29 June); and
- IV. NZ Māori Tourism promotional event at The Great Wall of China (27 June)
- V. Participation and representation in various Delegation programme events.(26 – 29 June)

4. *Which government department is covering the costs?*

The following government agencies helped provide the budget for the Kapa Haka group:

- NZ Māori Tourism (contributed \$11,500.00);
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment – Tourism (contributed \$11,500.00);
- Tourism New Zealand (contributed \$11,500.00);
- Ministry for Primary Industries (contributed \$11,500.00);
- New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (contributed \$11,500.00);
- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (contributed \$17,500.00);
- Education New Zealand (contributed \$5,000.00).

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Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade