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Dear G Mitchells

Request for information OIA 2526-0926

Thank you for your request for information made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) received on 2 March 2026. You requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding the attendance of Judith Collins at the Munich Security Conference on or around 11 February 2026. I request the following information:

- 1. The total cost to the New Zealand Government associated with this travel;*
- 2. A breakdown of those costs where possible (including but not limited to international flights, accommodation, meals and incidentals, conference registration fees, security, and administrative support);*
- 3. The titles or official roles of members of the travelling party (including accompanying staff), excluding personal names where appropriate;*
- 4. The stated purpose of the visit, including official objectives, briefing materials, and scheduled meetings.*

If any part of the requested information is publicly available, please direct me to the relevant source.

On 6 March 2026, DIA transferred part four of your request to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

Background Information

The Ministerial Services Group within DIA is responsible for processing and administering the payment of expenses related to Ministerial travel. This covers all members of a Ministerial party approved by Cabinet to be paid for by Vote Internal Affairs (Ministerial Services). There may be occasions where members of the wider travelling party are paid for separately, such as by other Government departments.

DIA is required under legislation to release aggregated expenses on Ministerial travel and accommodation on a quarterly basis on its website¹. These costs include airfares, and all other costs associated with international travel. The cost of staff accompanying the Minister during international travel are included in the totals reported in these releases. More information on Ministerial travel² can be found in the Cabinet Manual³.

Response to your request

In response to parts one and two of your request, Ministerial Services does not record information in the format requested. The costs associated with the attendance of Hon Judith Collins KC at the Munich Security Conference of February 2026 as at 9 March 2026 was \$35,928.61 which included airfares, booking and administrative fees. Please note that invoices for this travel are still pending or may have not been received, as such the total cost may change over time.

In response to part three, Hon Judith Collins was accompanied by a ministerial adviser, one private secretary from MoD and one MoD official who travelled from New Zealand. While in Munich, she was joined by MFAT and New Zealand Defence Force officials based overseas.

This reply addresses the information you requested. We may publish this OIA response on www.dia.govt.nz (with your personal details having been removed).

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <https://www.dia.govt.nz/ministers-expense-releases>

² <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual/2-ministers-crown-12>

³ <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual>