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Dear Ms Greenhalgh

**Official Information Act 1982 Request – Travel costs**

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 June 2016. You requested that the Earthquake Commission (EQC) make available to you the following information:

1. *'How much has EQC spent on travel costs since the September 2010 earthquake?*
2. *Could you also provide a breakdown of costs for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016?*
3. *And break these down for domestic and international travel.*
4. *I would also like details to be provided for example: where, when, who why and how much?'*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). The request has been numbered for ease of reference. Please see EQC's answers set out below.

**Questions 1, 2 and 3**

Your request for travel costs incurred in the financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 is declined under section 18(d) of the Act because *the information requested is ...publicly available* from our submissions to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee (FEC). All of our submissions can be accessed here: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/finance-and-expenditure/>.

The travel expenditure incurred for airfares for the 2015/16 financial year is available up to 31 March 2016, and is provided in the table below:

Year	Domestic travel	International travel
2015/16	\$978,330	\$100,509

**Question 4**

EQC does not record the data in the way requested. EQC is declining this part of your request under section 18(e) *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.*

EQC has a travel and expenditure policy and follows good practice aligned with recommended government parameters. The travel costs provided cover all staff travel between EQC's three offices, as well as international travel to renegotiate reinsurance costs, promote the lessons learnt from Canterbury at conferences and international fora, and engage with overseas suppliers.

This response completes your request for information. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10 152, Wellington 6143, or on Freephone 0800 802 602, or at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Dibley', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Tom Dibley**  
Manager, Government, Board and Executive