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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 17 April 2025 to the Department of Internal Affairs requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to the 2025 Regional Infrastructure Summit in the Chatham Islands. As the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) provided transport between Wellington and the Chathams, the part of your request relating to costs was transferred to the NZDF in accordance with section 14 of the OIA.

The NZDF provided a C-130J Hercules aircraft to transport attendees to and from the Regional Development Summit. The approximate short term tasking cost of this aircraft was \$34,120. This accounts for the time flown to and from the aircraft's base at Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Auckland and includes marginal personnel costs, fuel, airport charges and other associated costs in relation to the flight. Short-term tasking costs do not include workshop maintenance, personnel salaries, depreciation and capital charge.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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