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Tēnā koe Oliver Bryan

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

1. *Did New Zealand send any representatives to COP 27?*
2. *Please outline which ministers attended COP 27?*
3. *How many members of staff accompanied the Minister(s) to COP 27?*
 - *Please provide the job descriptions of those who attended.*
4. *Please provide the total travel cost involved for both staff and Minister(s).*
 - *Break down the travel cost further by ticket class for each attendee and the cost of travel for each attendee.*
5. *Where did the Minister(s) and staff stay while at COP 27?*
 - *Please breakdown the accommodation cost and outline what days and nights the party stayed.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) can only respond in relation to the Ministry's delegation. Therefore, we have interpreted your request to be for information held by this agency.

Regarding questions one and two of your request, the Minister of Climate Change represented New Zealand at COP 27. Please note that the Ministry does not hold information on travel costs for the Minister of Climate Change or other members of his office.

Regarding questions three, four and five of your request, please refer to the table below. All figures are listed in NZ Dollars (\$). Staff member one and two are based in Egypt at the New Zealand Embassy, and their cost of travel is for the fuel used to attend COP 27. The remaining staff (3-10) are New Zealand-based officials and flew on a business class ticket, consistent with the Ministry's travel on business policy.

Staff	Job Description	Travel Cost	Accommodation - Hotel Domina Coral Bay	
			Cost	Length of Stay
1	Administrative Assistant	\$340	\$10,762.95	3 November – 18 November

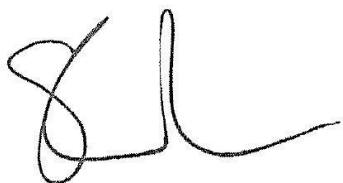
2	Deputy Head of Mission Cairo	\$30	\$10,762.95	3 November – 18 November
3	Project Manager – Visits, Events and Logistics	\$11,600	\$11,435.63	3 November – 19 November
4	Climate Change Specialist	\$11,380	\$10,762.95	3 November – 18 November
5	Policy Officer for Climate Change Division	\$11,380	\$12,781.00	31 October – 18 November
6	Climate Change Ambassador	\$10,940	\$11,435.63	3 November – 19 November
7	Policy Officer for Climate Change Division	\$10,940	\$11,435.63	3 November – 19 November
8	Senior Adviser Climate Finance	\$10,650	\$10,762.95	3 November – 18 November
9	Climate Change Adviser	\$11,380	\$10,762.95	3 November – 18 November
10	Unit Manager for Climate and Environment	\$11,191	\$10,762.95	3 November – 18 November

Delegation responsibilities at COP 27 are located on pages seven and eight of the COP 27 Officials' Brief, available on the Ministry's website via the following link:
www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2023/Proactive-release-COP27-Officials-Brief.pdf

Please note that it is the Ministry's policy to proactively release responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade