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Thank you for your email of 13 November 2022 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

For each of COP 24-27, inclusive, what was the Approved and Actual costs, where available, of attendance of officials supporting the Minister of Climate Change, and how many NZ officials attended.

On 17 November and 25 November respectively, the Ministry informed you that your request had been partially transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. These transfers were made in accordance with section 14 of the Act, as some of the information to which your request relates (namely, information about officials outside of the Ministry for the Environment) was believed to be more closely connected with those ministries.

Decision on your request

The information you have requested can be found on page 3 of this letter.

Ministry staff have been unable to locate the original approved costs for COP24. Therefore, I must refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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COP24-COP27: Ministry for the Environment attendee approved and actual costs

COP	Ministry for the Environment attendees	Approved cost	Actual cost
COP24	5	--	\$91,141.27
COP25*	5	\$85,711.00	\$72,499.26
COP26	3	\$84,787.00	\$104,292.88**
COP27*	4	\$83,516.00	\$72,284.93***

*One Ministry official who attended COP25 and COP27 also conducted other official business while travelling. To reflect this, we have halved the price of this official's airfares when totalling approved and actual costs for COP25 and COP27.

**COP26 travel included COVID-19 related expenses such as managed isolation and quarantine and PCR tests.

***As COP27 concluded within the past two weeks of this response, the Ministry has not yet been invoiced. The actual cost listed here is exclusive of fees and could fluctuate slightly.