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Thank you for your email of 29 November 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Please specify how many flights the Minister for the Environment has taken in 2022*
2. *Please specify how many flights the Minister for Climate Change has taken in 2022*
3. *How many flights have Ministry for the Environment staff taken in 2022?*
4. *How much has the Ministry for the Environment spent on flights in 2022?*
5. *How much has Ministry for the Environment spent on airline memberships such as Air New Zealand's Koru membership in 2022?*

As advised on 16 January 2023, the Ministry has partially transferred parts one and two of your request to the Minister for the Environment and Minister of Climate Change respectively.

The Ministry for the Environment is providing you with information in response to parts three, four, and five of your request attached as **Appendix A**.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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 for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix A:

<p><i>1. Please specify how many flights the Minister for the Environment has taken in 2022</i></p>
<p>The Ministry cannot provide this information as it does not hold the relevant data. The Ministry for the Environment does not book flights on behalf of the Minister for the Environment. This question has been transferred to the Minister for the Environment for response under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.</p>
<p><i>2. Please specify how many flights the Minister for Climate Change has taken in 2022</i></p>
<p>The Ministry cannot provide this information as it does not hold the relevant data. The Ministry for the Environment does not book flights on behalf of the Minister of Climate Change. This question has been transferred to the Minister of Climate Change for response under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.</p>
<p><i>3. How many flights have Ministry for the Environment staff taken in 2022?</i></p>
<p>Ministry for the Environment staff took 2,686 flights between 1 January and 29 November 2022. The Ministry notes that the number of flights above are one segment not a return trip.</p>
<p><i>4. How much has the Ministry for the Environment spent on flights in 2022?</i></p>
<p>Between 1 January and 29 November 2022, the Ministry spent \$913,050 on flights. This includes both international and domestic as well as any additional fees.</p>
<p><i>5. How much has Ministry for the Environment spent on airline memberships such as Air New Zealand's Koru membership in 2022</i></p>
<p>The Ministry does not provide incentives such as Koru memberships to its staff and therefore had zero spend on airline memberships in 2022.</p>

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