

10 January 2023



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 01 December 2022 in which you asked for:

- *How many flights (paid for by the government) have staff taken in 2022?*
- *How much has your department spent on flights in 2022?*
- *How much has your department spent on airline memberships (such as Air New Zealand's Koru membership) in 2022?*
- *How much has your department spent on taxis and Uber rides in 2022?*
- *How much has your department spent on public transport fares for staff in 2022?*
- *How much has your department spent on petrol and diesel in 2022?*
- *How much has been spent on travel for the partners/family of ministers in 2022?*

As you have requested financial information, we have interpreted your request to mean the 2021/2022 financial year (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022).

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *How many flights (paid for by the government) have staff taken in 2022?*
 - The number of flights staff have taken in 2022 is recorded as 3,932. As an organisation we operate in over 120 locations throughout New Zealand including various difficult to reach sites such as outer islands. Travel is essential to ensure our staff are present where and when needed to support/deliver Conservation outcomes.
2. *How much has your department spent on flights in 2022?*
 - The total spend on flights for 2022 is \$962,154.00
3. *How much has your department spent on airline memberships (such as Air New Zealand's Koru membership) in 2022?*
 - We have not incurred any expenditure on airline memberships throughout 2022.



4. *How much has your department spent on taxis and Uber rides in 2022?*

- The total spent on taxis and rideshare services (such as Uber) in 2022 was \$129,995.00. This spend includes transportation to and from airports for catching flights.

5. *How much has your department spent on public transport fares for staff in 2022?*

- The total recorded spend on public transport for 2022 is \$773.00

6. *How much has your department spent on petrol and diesel in 2022?*

The amount spent in 2022 for vehicle fuel costs including diesel and petrol is \$1,626,643. As of June 2022, the Department had 762 vehicles in its vehicle fleet, of which 31% were low emission vehicles (BEV's or Hybrids). We have a fleet transition and optimisation plan in place with a target of March 2025 to reduce the fleet size by 98 vehicles. We are also continuing to replace ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles with low emission vehicles, where appropriate.

7. *How much has been spent on travel for the partners/family of ministers in 2022?*

- We have not incurred any expenditure for travel associated with the partners/family of ministers throughout 2022.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

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