

17 September 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 4 September 2019, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking the following information:

*"Of the \$5,755 that the Ministry of Transport received from the Official Development Assistance programme in 2018, how much has been spent to date, and what specific activities has this been spent on or is planned to be spent on?"*

For clarity, the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) received funding from the PACollaborate fund, which is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The funding was used to provide capacity building to four Pacific Island states on the monitoring and reporting requirements for the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

The \$5,755.00 was for flights, accommodation, meals and local travel costs for a Ministry official to provide in-country capacity building on the CORSIA from 23 September to 5 October 2018. We provided training to 35 participants in Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Samoa.

CORSIA is the market-based measure agreed at the 39<sup>th</sup> International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly in October 2016 to reduce and offset carbon emissions in the international aviation sector. ICAO has agreed on a global aspirational goal to achieve carbon neutral growth in the international aviation sector from 2020.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act 1982 responses, and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry's website. Before publication, we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Yours sincerely



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on behalf of the Chief Executive