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Withheld under Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982

Dear

I refer to your request dated 19 January 2020, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking the following information:

- 1 "What was the exact criteria that airlines had to meet to be eligible for the Airways NZ fees relief package?
- Which airlines, both national and international, received the funding?
- 3 How much did each airline receive under the Airways NZ fees relief package?"

The following documents or information fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

1. What was the exact criteria that airlines had to meet to be eligible for the Airways NZ fees relief package?

The aviation relief package comprised of two components:

- Government financial support to airlines to pay passenger-based levies
- Government financial support to airlines to pay Airways fees

The criteria used to determine eligibility for Airways fees, was that the airline must already be paying a passenger-based levy.

Airways fees relating to the availability of Ohakea aerodrome as an alternate airport for international airlines needing to divert due to emergencies were also covered by the relief package.

2. Which airlines, both national and international, received the funding?

Please refer to table in Annex One.

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	3. How much did each airline receive under the Airways NZ fees relief package?		
Please refer to table in Annex One.			
	The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.		
	Yours sincerely		
	Tom Forster Manager, Economic Regulation		

Annex One: Government financial support to airlines to pay Airways fees

Airline	Total amount received for Airways fees relief (GST incl)
Air Canada	\$77,148.92
Air Chathams	\$971,448.19
Air China	\$25,801.29
Air New Zealand	\$65,379,165.33
Air Pacific (Fiji Airways)	\$409,395.04
Air Tahiti Nui	\$60,503.94
Air Vanuatu	\$17,161.55
Aircalin	\$24,421.39
Cathay Pacific	\$516,755.16
China Airlines	\$135,823.72
China Eastern Airlines	\$181,207.99
China Southern Airlines	\$489,642.12
Emirates	\$1,029,206.21
Hawaiian Airlines	\$53,738.07

Airline	Total amount received for Airways fees relief (GST incl)
Jetstar	\$6,037,350.57
Korean Airlines	\$59,539.65
LATAM	\$389,752.38
Malaysia Airlines	\$200,690.97
Philippine Airlines	\$35,952.50
Qantas	\$2,074,108.58
Qatar Airways	\$379,283.01
Samoa Airways	\$38,842.44
Singapore Airlines	\$1,507,551.99
Skyline Aviation	\$238,802.82
Sounds Air	\$330,728.83
Thai Airways	\$80,842.04
United Airlines	\$118,649.77
Total	\$80,863,514.47

Note:

 The Air New Zealand amount includes \$413,825.50 for the operation of Ohakea as an alternate airport.