

23 August 2024

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

Re: LG24-0182 - International Flights

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 26 July 2024 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

1. **A list of all international flights taken by your Council staff and elected members from July 2019 to the present [July 2024].**
2. **The dates of these flights.**
3. **The number of people who took each flight.**
4. **The cost of the airfares.**
5. **The purpose of travel.**

QLDC Response

Decision to release information

To address your request, we consulted the QLDC Finance Team who assisted in providing a [list of all international flights taken by Council staff and elected members between July 2019 to the present \[July 2024\]](#).

Please note, the enclosed files will expire on 22 September 2024, 11:32 AM.

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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QLDC - Summary of International Travel (July 2019 to July 2024)

Start Date	Return Date	Position	No. of People	Cost NZD	Destination	Purpose of the Travel
7/06/2024	24/06/2024	Chief Executive	1	\$4,474	London, Manchester, Cardiff - UK	Infrastructure New Zealand UK Delegation. The tour covered UK experiences with both devolvement (power sharing) models for local government, and aspects of water reform management in Britain and Wales. Included one week's annual leave.
10/10/2023	15/10/2023	Elected Member	1	\$1,706	Brisbane - Australia	Asia Pacific Cities Summit.
3/09/2023	10/09/2023	Senior Management	1	Non-taxpayer cost	London - UK	Meet with QLDC's insurers, representing QLDC and seven other Councils.
20/08/2023	27/08/2023	Senior Management	3	\$8,172	Sydney, Newcastle, Ballarat, Geelong and Melbourne - Australia	Australian Infrastructure and Urban Policy Study Tour.
25/07/2023	1/08/2023	Chief Executive	1	\$2,376 (less \$324 personal payment)	Cairns and Port Douglas - Australia	Local Government Chief Officer's Group meeting. Addressed challenges that are of common interest to local government and Chief Executives across NZ and Australia. Included two days annual leave.
26/08/2019	1/09/2019	Chief Executive	1	\$3,925	Singapore	Global Cultural Districts Network Conference. Focused on the role the arts and cultural sector plays in defining and supporting Singapore's local and international identity.