



07 February 2018

Official Information Request No. 8140002200  
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

**Re: Overseas Travel by Group Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer**

I refer to your email, which we received on 17 November 2017, requesting information about overseas travel and accommodation for the Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Treasurer for the last three years.

You have requested:

- Number of overseas trips taken
- Destination of the trips
- The class of travel involved
- The accommodation used

Set out in Appendix 1 are the summarised details for the CFO and Treasurer for the last three years.

Unlike other councils, Auckland Council's international borrowing programme is enabled by specific legislation. This recognises the scale of borrowing required, and allows the council to borrow in greater volumes and for longer periods than the domestic markets.

As with international trips undertaken in the previous three years (2012-2015), the purpose of these trips was to engage with overseas debt markets and rating agencies, with the aim of diversifying the council's funding, effectively managing our overall long-term cost of debt and maintaining the council's excellent credit rating. These all contribute to significant savings for Auckland's ratepayers.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Parry-Crooke', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Parry-Crooke  
Privacy & LGOIMA Business Partner  
Democracy Services

Appendix 1

Financial Year <sup>1</sup>	Number of trips <sup>2</sup>	Destinations <sup>3</sup>	Flight Class	Accommodation <sup>5</sup>	Travel costs <sup>4</sup>
2015/2016	6	Australia, Asia, UK, Europe	Business & Economy	The Capitol Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong The Westin Sydney W London Leicester Square London Park Hyatt Zurich Hotel Schweizerhof Ag, Bern Frankfurter Hof Frankfurt Hotel Scribe Paris Best Western Premier Amsterdam Radisson Blu Oslo Park Lane Mews Hotel Sheraton On The Park Fd I Sydney Sheraton Towers Singapore Carolia Tower Hotel Ltd London Mandarin Oriental Tokyo Mandarin Oriental Taipei Mandarin Oriental Hotel Central Ritz Carlton Millenia Singapore	\$95,987
2016/2017	7	Australia, Asia, UK, Europe	Business & Economy	Sheraton On The Park Fd I Sydney Westin Melbourne Fd Int Melbourne W London Leicester Square Park Hyatt Zurich Hotel Bayerischer Hof Plaza Athenee Westin Grand Frankfurt Fullerton Hotel Singapore Athenaeum Reception London Sheraton Towers Singapore Mandarin Oriental Tokyo Island Shangri-La Hotel The Westin Singapore Island Shangri-La Hotel	\$98,624

2017/2018	2	Australia, UK, Europe, USA	Business & Economy	Sheraton Melbourne FD Int Sheraton on the Park, Sydney W London Leicester Square Four Seasons Boston W Hotel Times Square W London Leicester Square Park Hyatt Zurich Hotel Bayerischer Hof Germany Plaza Athenee Paris Westin Grand Frankfurt The Langham Hotel FRO Hotel Kamp InterContinental Düsseldorf	\$45,793
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Footnotes:

1. The information has been prepared based on the financial reporting year of Auckland Council being 1 July to 30 June.
2. A trip is recorded being from date leaving New Zealand to the return of New Zealand. Individual flights within one absence from New Zealand have not been counted
3. Destinations have been recorded on a continent basis rather than individual countries.
4. Travel costs include airfares, accommodation and booking fees.
5. Accommodation in hotels located in the business district to facilitate ease of travel to clients.