



OIA Ref: 2021-026

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Thank you for your request of 7 May, received via Twitter, for the following information under the Official Information Act:

*How often do @ClimateCommNZ staff fly? Why? Was an assessment made on whether zoom was a practical alternative?*

The Commission sought confirmation of the scope of your request on 10 May 2021 and following your response, it was agreed your request seeks the following information:

- *A list of staff flights,*
- *The reasoning/rationale for those staff flights, and*
- *What assessment was undertaken regarding whether alternatives to travel were considered.*

Attached is a spreadsheet listing all flights taken by Commission staff and Board members in the year preceding your request. We have also included flights for consultants that the Commission paid for and booked. Please note, all flights listed in the spreadsheet were paid for and booked by the Commission through its travel provider, Tandem Travel. Tandem does not record the reason for travel. Therefore, this information has subsequently been coded in for each flight by the Commission.

Please note, in two instances, consultants invoiced the Commission for air travel expenses incurred as part of their work with us. Details of these flights do not appear in the spreadsheet. They can be found in the table below.

Passenger	Date	Roundtrip between	Reason for travel
Consultant	26/03/2021	Auckland - Wellington	Workshop
Consultant	29/01/2021	Christchurch - Wellington	Technical Input

#### Air travel and alternatives

The Commission's travel policy looks to minimise Commission travel and its environmental impact. Where appropriate and available, meetings and day-to-day operations of the Commission are held by videoconference. That said, there are instances where travel is required. In these instances, the Commission's preference is for low-emissions transport options. When feasible these options were used.

In the period covered by your request, air travel was primarily used to allow Commission staff and Board members to engage and consult with a wide range of stakeholders. These engagements included face-to-

face relationship building and collaborative consultations with key stakeholders and the larger New Zealand public during the Commission's establishment phase and around the Commission's draft Advice 21 package.

I hope you find this information helpful. However, as you are aware, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that the Commission has a policy to proactively release OIA responses to help others have access to more information. Consequently, this letter will be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Kind regards



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Passenger	Travel From/To	Date of travel	Reason For Travel
Staff	Rotorua-Wellington	30/06/2020	Flexible Working-Team engagement
Staff	Wellington-Rotorua	04/07/2020	Flexible Working-Team engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	28/07/2020	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	29/07/2020	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Westport-Wellington	10/08/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Westport	12/08/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	10/08/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	12/08/2020	Board Meeting
Consultant	Wellington-Rotorua	03/08/2020	Technical input- Consultant
Consultant	Rotorua-Wellington	06/08/2020	Technical input- Consultant
Commissioner	Christchurch-Nelson	01/09/2020	Pre- consultation activities
Commissioner	Nelson-Wellington	04/09/2020	Pre- consultation activities
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	07/09/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	25/09/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	29/09/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Commissioner	Auckland-Christchurch	23/09/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Commissioner	Christchurch-Auckland	23/09/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Consultant	Wellington-Auckland	12/10/2020	Guest Speaker
Consultant	Auckland-Wellington	15/10/2020	Guest Speaker
Commissioner	Christchurch-Auckland	09/10/2020	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Christchurch	11/10/2020	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Rotorua-Wellington	18/10/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Staff	Wellington-Rotorua	23/10/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	15/10/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	16/10/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Christchurch-Auckland	14/11/2020	Board meeting
Commissioner	Auckland-Christchurch	12/11/2020	Board meeting
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	21/10/2020	Board meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	22/10/2020	Board meeting
Staff	Rotorua-Wellington	13/12/2020	Flexible Working-Team engagement
Staff	Wellington-Rotorua	18/12/2020	Flexible Working-Team engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	19/11/2020	Board meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	19/11/2020	Board meeting
Commissioner	Auckland-Nelson	09/12/2020	Pre-consultation activities
Commissioner	Christchurch-Auckland	09/12/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Nelson-Christchurch	10/12/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	08/12/2020	Board Meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	08/12/2020	Board Meeting
Staff	Taupo-Wellington	03/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Wellington-Taupo	08/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	29/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	31/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Auckland	10/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Christchurch	12/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Auckland	01/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Nelson	19/02/2021	Board meeting
Commissioner	Nelson-Wellington	20/02/2021	Board meeting
Commissioner	Tauranga-Wellington	26/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	25/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Hokitika-Christchurch	25/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	26/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Christchurch-Wellington	17/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Taupo	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Rotorua-Wellington	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Christchurch-Wellington	17/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event



Staff	Christchurch-Wellington	17/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	11/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Christchurch-Wellington	17/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Hamilton	10/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Christchurch-Wellington	17/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Christchurch-Wellington	17/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	29/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	29/01/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Wellington	09/02/2021	Consultation event
Commissioner	Wellington-Auckland	10/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	11/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
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Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	11/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	12/02/2021	Consultation event
Commissioner	Christchurch-Auckland	10/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Hokitika-Christchurch	10/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Christchurch	12/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Hokitika	13/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Auckland	19/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Wellington	20/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	25/02/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	11/02/2021	Stakeholder Engagement
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	13/02/2021	Stakeholder Engagement (technical)
Commissioner	Wellington-Invercargill	14/02/2021	Consultation event
Commissioner	Invercargill-Wellington	15/02/2021	Consultation event
Staff	Wellington-Nelson	19/02/2021	Stakeholder Engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Gisborne	23/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Commissioner	Gisborne-Wellington	24/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Wellington-Gisborne	23/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	25/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Gisborne-Auckland	25/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Wellington-Gisborne	23/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Gisborne-Wellington	24/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Wellington-Gisborne	23/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Staff	Gisborne-Wellington	24/02/2021	East Coast Iwi Consultation
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	02/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	03/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	08/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Hokitika-Christchurch	08/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	11/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	09/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	11/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	16/03/2021	Board meeting
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	18/03/2021	Board meeting
Staff	Wellington-Taupo	14/03/2021	Flex ble Working-Team engagement
Staff	Wellington-Auckland	18/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Staff	Auckland-Wellington	19/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Auckland	18/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Wellington	20/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	24/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	26/03/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Consultant	Wellington-Auckland	31/03/2021	Guest Speaker
Staff	Rotorua-Wellington	06/04/2021	Flex ble Working-Team engagement
Staff	Wellington-Rotorua	10/04/2021	Flex ble Working-Team engagement
Consultant	Auckland-Gisborne	05/04/2021	Guest Speaker
Staff	Queenstown-Wellington	06/04/2021	Flex ble Working-Team engagement

Staff	Wellington-Queenstown	11/04/2021	Flexible Working-Team engagement
Commissioner	Auckland-Palmerston North	16/04/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Palmerston North-Auckland	16/04/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	16/04/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	16/04/2021	Stakeholder engagement
Commissioner	Christchurch-Wellington	22/04/2021	Board Workshop
Commissioner	Wellington-Christchurch	29/04/2021	Board Workshop

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