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Rhys Hurley
By email: rhys@taxpayers.org.nz

Dear Rhys

Information regarding staff travel between Wellington and Auckland offices at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand

Thank you for your 27 November 2025 request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for:

- 1. The total annual cost of staff travel between the Wellington and Auckland offices for the most recent financial year (2024/25).*
- 2. A breakdown of this total cost, including:
Flights (if applicable)
Accommodation (if applicable)
Other transport or associated travel costs*
- 3. The number of staff members who regularly commute between these two offices at RBNZ's expense, and whether this includes full-time, part-time employees and contractors.*

The overall inter-office travel expenditure for 2024/25 was \$740,867.26 (GST Incl. \$851,997.35), comprising:

Flights: \$368,090.27 (GST Incl. \$423,303.81)

Accommodation: \$197,662.61 (GST Incl. 227,312.00)

Other transport and associated travel costs: \$175,114.39 (GST Incl. \$201,381.55)

Travel between Wellington and Auckland offices occurs on an as needed basis and primarily supports engagement with key stakeholders in the Auckland region, including attending workshops and relevant committee meetings.

We do not track the number of staff who regularly travel between the two offices. However, approximately 45 staff members travelled between Wellington and Auckland on ten or more occasions during 2024/25. Generally permanent staff would be travelling; however contractors may also travel between the offices to carry out specific duties when required.

We hope you found this helpful. We encourage you to raise any concerns you have about this response with the RBNZ directly.

Alternatively, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response from the Office of the Ombudsman. Further information about how to make a complaint is publicly available, at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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