

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

I am advised that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) does not collect data on all of the information that the Member is requesting, however please see below for what the Ministry can provide.

Month	Number of flights	Total spend NZ\$
27-30 Nov 2023	194	909,484*
December 2023	1173	127,497
January 2024	988	488,694
February 2024	867	604,851
March 2024	1171	981,056
April 2024	1231	898,276
May 2024	1629	1,044,726
June 2024	1668	847,205
July 2024	939	928,006
August 2024	797	717,232
September 2024	918	1,624,571
October 2024	925	722,639

November 2024	1400	1,409,884
December 2024	1223	500,673
January 2025	1090	600,269
February 2025	1069	827,151
March 2025	1216	1,144,401
April 2025	1210	870,675
May 2025	1781	2,194,676
June 2025	1951	421,303

*Nov 23 financial data is for the entire month.

MFAT does not have a monthly breakdown of flights by class; we have this information by year.

Year	Domestic	International			
		Economy	Prem economy	Business	First*
2023/24	4.0%	54.6%	3.9%	37.4%	0.1%

2024/25	4.4%	65.0%	9.3%	21.3%	0%
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*MFAT travel policy does not allow for first class travel; these flights would have been upgrades provided by the airline

Notes

- This flight data is for both international and domestic flights. MFAT cannot disaggregate domestic from international flight spend.
- The “Number of flights” is based on the month in which flights were flown. “Total spend” indicates flights that were paid for that month. Therefore, the spend of a given month is *not* an indicator of the cost of the flights flown in that month.
- MFAT receives flight data at the end of each quarter, so flight data for July 2025 is not yet available.
- A breakdown of individual destinations is not feasible; however, data indicates that in 2024/25, MFAT flew to at least 275 different airports.
- Ministry staff undertake a range of travel as part of their core business to advance the Government’s foreign policy priorities. This can include: travel for inter-governmental negotiations and meetings, support to the Ministry’s offshore network (including administrative and logistical support) and to take up overseas postings.

Antarctica New Zealand

238 Individual flight legs have been paid for by Antarctica New Zealand. The total cost broken down by month is as follows;

Dec-23	\$ 2,650.96
Jan-24	\$ 2,763.12
Feb-24	\$ 11,602.00
Mar-24	\$ 13,126.80
Apr-24	\$ 81,070.85
May-24	\$ 3,940.10
Jun-24	\$ 6,602.43
Jul-24	\$ 1,893.40
Aug-24	\$ 34,458.45
Oct-24	\$ 1,663.03
Jan-25	\$ 1,338.42
Feb-25	\$ 26,737.09
Mar-25	\$ 615.10
Apr-25	\$ 41,551.07
May-25	\$ 39,194.19
Jun-25	\$ 30,473.45
Jul-25	\$ 5,417.18
Aug-25	\$ 8,626.42
Total	\$ 313,724.06

The total cost broken down by destination is as follows;

AEP	\$ 24,508.40
AMS	\$ 41,551.07
AUH	\$ 10,675.20
BNE	\$ 343.10
CHC	\$ 12,817.47
CNS	\$ 915.22
COK	\$ 3,940.10
DCA	\$ 120,265.04
DEN	\$ 8,160.56
HBA	\$ 4,156.85
MEL	\$ 9,112.62
MXP	\$ 26,915.32
OSL	\$ 11,227.40
PER	\$ 615.10
PMC	\$ 2,935.55
SCL	\$ 282.30
SFO	\$ 1,311.93
SYD	\$ 5,380.83
TOS	\$ 14,387.93
WAW	\$ 8,626.42
ZCO	\$ 5,595.65
Total	\$ 313,724.06

The total cost broken down by cabin class is as follows;

BUSINESS	\$ 77,923.23
ECONOMY	\$ 203,195.85
PREMIUM ECONOMY	\$ 32,604.98
Total	\$ 313,724.06

The total cost broken down by purpose of the flight is as follows;

ASP Workshop Antarctic Research Priorities	\$ 12,192.98
Bi-annual meeting with National Science Foundation	\$ 63,601.92
CCAMLR	\$ 1,663.03
Collab with AAD	\$ 1,623.91
Employee travel after deployment	\$ 6,552.01
Employee travel prior to deployment	\$ 5,892.08
Meeting with NSF and NZ Embassy	\$ 1,311.93
Meetings with EWT	\$ 41,551.07
Meetings with NGI and Uni of Oslo, NPI and UiT	\$ 11,602.00
MPA Research Coordination Network	\$ 3,558.13
NSF and Stakeholder Visits	\$ 39,194.19
NSF BILATERAL MEETINGS	\$ 17,468.93
SCAR Conference	\$ 2,813.00
Science Conference	\$ 6,000.50
Strengthen relationships with Norwegian and German partners	\$ 14,013.33
Workshop in McMurdo Dry Valleys	\$ 4,602.43
COMNAP 2025	\$ 8,626.42
ATCM/CEP 2024	\$ 3,940.10
ATCM/CEP/SCAR 2025	\$ 32,332.50
COMNAP/SCAR 2024	\$ 24,508.40
Document Signing with Minister (UAE)	\$ 10,675.20
Total	\$ 313,724.06

Asia New Zealand Foundation

Total international flights for the period 27 November 2023 to 1 August 2025: 182

Cost Breakdown by Month (NZ\$)

2023

- December: \$4,413

2024

- January: \$41,284
- February: \$3,990
- March: \$17,668
- April: \$36,894
- May: \$7,995
- June: \$5,858
- July: 7,441
- August: \$23,650
- September: \$35,630

- October: \$15,543
- November: \$18,027
- December: \$7,211

2025

- January: \$9,955
- February: \$58,839
- March: \$21,712
- April: \$14,794
- May: \$12,623
- June: \$4,986
- July: \$39,003

Cost Breakdown by Destination

- Asia: \$364,545
- Europe: \$4,987
- Pacific Islands: \$5,834
- North America: \$7,863
- Australia: \$4,287

Cost Breakdown by Cabin Class

- Business: \$88,606
- Premium Economy: \$133,598
- Economy: \$165,312

Purpose of the flight.

The Asia New Zealand Foundation's systems record the cost of international flights, but not the stated purpose of each individual flight. The purpose of travel is, however, documented through programme content and the internal approval process. International travel is integral to the Foundation's core role of building New Zealanders' knowledge of Asia and supporting connections between New Zealand and the region. The Foundation delivers programmes in business, arts, sports, leadership, entrepreneurship, internships, media, research, and Track II diplomacy, all with the underlying goal of equipping New Zealanders to engage confidently and effectively with Asia. Accordingly, international travel is undertaken to advance the Foundation's mission and purpose.