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Tēnā koe 

I refer to your request dated 29 April 2024 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking the following information:

“How much has each airline (international and domestic airlines) received from any of the various MOT teams/departments in funding/contracts/grants/equity/loans since 1 January 2018? Airline names and value of total payments please.”

The information that falls within the scope of your request is set out in the document schedule attached as Annex 1.

There is no record of funding provided by the Ministry of Transport to any airline in 2018 or 2019. In March 2020, Cabinet allocated \$600m to the Aviation Relief Package from the \$12.1b COVID-19 support package. This \$600m was further split into a number of components:

- The Essential Transport Connectivity (ETC) scheme was established by Cabinet on 11 May 2020 to support the maintenance of essential domestic transport connectivity despite the disruption caused by COVID-19.
- The International Air Freight Connectivity (IAFC) scheme was also established in 2020. The scheme aimed to maintain air connectivity for passengers and future tourism capacity, international relations, and the competitiveness and sustainability of the aviation sector.
- The Maintaining International Air Connectivity (MIAC) scheme was implemented as a successor to the IAFC scheme, and supported airlines to respond to the impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and to retain international air connections for high value imports and exports.
- The Aviation Relief Package also included financial support for airlines to pay passenger-based fees and charges, to encourage the airlines to continue flying or to return to the New Zealand market when conditions improved.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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Nāku noa, nā



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Annex 1. Airline payments¹

	FY19/20*	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	Total
	NZD	NZD	NZD	NZD	NZD
Essential Transport Connectivity (ETC)	119,000	2,798,000	5,320,000	5,798,000	14,036,000
Air Chathams Ltd	-	2,039,000	3,980,000	5,403,000	11,422,000
Golden Bay Air Limited	-	177,000	152,000	97,000	426,000
Great Barrier Airlines Limited	-	-	648,000	-	648,000
Island Air	-	-	6,000	-	6,000
Sounds Air Travel & Tourism Ltd	119,000	582,000	534,000	298,000	1,533,000
International Airfreight Capacity (IAFC)	26,577,000	331,566,000	295,000	-	358,438,000
Air New Zealand Ltd	21,298,000	279,684,000	-	-	300,981,000
Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	-	719,000	-	-	719,000
China Airlines Limited	975,000	25,991,000	-	-	26,965,000
China Southern Airlines Company Ltd	962,000	7,368,000	-	-	8,330,000
Emirates	2,920,000	9,196,000	-	-	12,116,000
Malaysia Airlines Berhad	-	3,611,000	-	-	3,611,000
Qantas Airways Limited	362,000	3,712,000	295,000	-	4,368,000
Tasman Cargo Airlines Pty Ltd	61,000	1,286,000	-	-	1,347,000
International Air Connectivity (MIAC)	-	34,383,000	404,075,000	150,243,000	588,701,000
Air Chathams Ltd	-	-	58,000	-	58,000
Air New Zealand Ltd	-	29,839,000	356,570,000	121,779,000	508,187,000
Air Tahiti Nui	-	67,000	3,045,000	-	3,112,000
Aircalin Air Caledonie International	-	-	1,217,000	1,032,000	2,249,000
Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	-	6,000	2,736,000	-	2,742,000
China Airlines Limited	-	2,708,000	17,964,000	11,613,000	32,285,000
China Southern Airlines Company Ltd	-	410,000	7,091,000	5,882,000	13,383,000
Emirates	-	701,000	6,229,000	-	6,930,000
Korean Air Lines Company Ltd	-	-	1,164,000	-	1,164,000
Malaysia Airlines Berhad	-	651,000	8,118,000	9,937,000	18,706,000
Passenger-based levies and relief schemes	7,657,000	74,337,000	-	-	81,994,000
Air Chathams Ltd	89,000	631,000	-	-	720,000
Air China Ltd	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
Air New Zealand Ltd	5,935,000	58,520,000	-	-	64,455,000
Air Pacific Limited	-	242,000	-	-	242,000
Air Tahiti Nui	91,000	-	-	-	91,000
Air Vanuatu Airlines	-	22,000	-	-	22,000
Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	31,000	276,000	-	-	307,000
China Airlines Limited	-	204,000	-	-	204,000
China Eastern Airlines Corporation Ltd	-	303,000	-	-	303,000
China Southern Airlines Company Ltd	65,000	383,000	-	-	448,000
Emirates	66,000	764,000	-	-	830,000
Fiji Airways	322,000	-	-	-	322,000
Jetstar Airways Pty Limited	-	8,135,000	-	-	8,135,000
Korean Air Lines Co. Limited	17,000	49,000	-	-	66,000
Latam Airlines Group S.A.	346,000	168,000	-	-	514,000
Malaysia Airlines Berhad	-	125,000	-	-	125,000
Philippine Airlines	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
Qantas Airways Limited	-	969,000	-	-	969,000
Qatar Airways	523,000	232,000	-	-	754,000
Singapore Airlines	125,000	1,015,000	-	-	1,140,000
Skyline Aviation Limited	21,000	125,000	-	-	146,000
Sounds Air Travel & Tourism Ltd	27,000	265,000	-	-	292,000
Thai Airways	-	136,000	-	-	136,000
Virgin Australia Airlines Pty Ltd	-	1,758,000	-	-	1,758,000
Grand Total	34,352,000	443,085,000	409,691,000	156,041,000	1,043,169,000

¹ Note: FY refers to financial year, which runs from 1 July to the following 30 June.

* FY19/20 refers to 30 June 2020 accruals.