

07/05/2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/28

On Friday, 26 April 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

1. *Your organisation's total spend on contractors and consultants from 1 January 2018 – present, broken down by quarter (including Q1 2024). I hope this information will already be compiled due to the Public Service Commission's regular reporting of these figures since 2018, as mentioned [here](#). Please further break down that spend by business group (or equivalent organisational unit), with all figures provided in a spreadsheet in the following format:*

	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020
Business Group X	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX
Business Group Y	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX
Business Group Z	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX

We have consulted with you and determined that you are happy to accept data on the Electoral Commission's total spend on contractors from 1 July 2017 (FY2017/18) to present broken down by year, rather than by quarter. We have also established that you are happy to accept that this data will not be broken down by business group (or equivalent organisational unit). This information has been presented in the below table:

Financial Year	Total contractor and consultant cost
01 July 2017 to 30 June 2018	\$0.293m
01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	\$0.443m
01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020	\$1.856m
01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	\$2.730m
01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	\$4.335m
01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	\$5.807m
01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (year in progress)	TBA

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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