

13 February 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 19 January 2023 and reclarified on 31 January 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I wish to request all information regarding the total amount spent, per consultancy firm, for each of the last six years.

Information on the amount spent per consultancy firm is attached as Appendix 1.

We have defined consultancy firm as any tier 1 firm participating in the all-of-government procurement panel for consultancy services (<https://www.procurement.govt.nz/contracts/consultancy-services/>).

These costs reflect the growth in the ministry's work programme over the period, particularly since 2020, including a new programme to support our sectors response to COVID-19, the business case and related Strong Public Media work programme for the establishment of a new Public Media Entity, and the development of a National Erebus Memorial.

As agreed, the table attached includes *all* payments to each firm. Please note, this may include payments not related to consultancy work, such as the provision of contractors to backfill or supplement staff.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oa@mch.govt.nz.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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