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Dear s 9(2)

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Thank you for your email of 20 November 2018 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the 2017/18 financial year:

1. *The total costs incurred by your agency in relation to any personal grievance claim by an employee, contractor, or any other party. Please break this figure down into:*
 - a. *The total settlement payments made by your agency in relation to any personal grievance claim by an employee, contractor, or any other party;*
 - b. *The total cost of any legal advice sought by your agency and any associated legal services in relation to any personal grievance claim by an employee, contractor, or any other party; and*
 - c. *Any other costs.*
2. *The total number of personal grievance claims.*
3. *The total number of settlement payments made by your agency.*
4. *A list of the five highest settlement payments.*

In response to your request, the Ministry can confirm there have been no personal grievance claims by an employee, contractor, or any other party in the 2017/18 financial year, therefore your request is declined under Section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely

Sam Dawson
Director – People and Culture