

OIAD-1068

22 May 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Your organisation's total spend on contractors and consultants from 1 January 2004 – present, broken down by month (including April 2024 if possible). Please further break down that spend by business group (or equivalent organisational unit), with all figures provided in a spreadsheet in the following format:*
- *I am primarily interested in data from 1 January 2020 onwards. If figures from earlier years are difficult to compile and require more time to do so, please prioritise figures from more recent years. If necessary, I am OK with receiving earlier data in a separate tranche response.*

On 26 April 20024, you contacted the Ministry with a refined scope to make the request more manageable:

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:

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<i>Business Group Z</i>	\$XX X,X XX	\$XXX ,XXX	\$XXX, XXX	\$XXX, XXX	\$XXX, XXX	\$XXX, XXX	\$XXX, XXX	\$XXX, XXX	\$XXX, XXX
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Please find attached a summary of the Ministry's spend on Contractors and Consultants:

- Breakdown by business group (FY2020/21 to FY2023/24 - YTD March)
- Summary financials for prior years (FY2017/18 to FY2019/20)

In-line with your request, the Ministry has not collated spend by business group on the earlier years. This is due, in part, to difficulties in compiling the data, as well as changing internal group structure. Please also note that the names of business groups used for the response is based on the Ministry's current operating structure, and that some internal movements within these groups has occurred between financial years.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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