

OIAD-1102 and OIAD-1106

24 June 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your two emails of 25 May 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Request One

Please advise the total expenditure to AECOM the consulting company (from the US) or their NZ company for the last 10 years. I am after a breakdown by year and type of work consulted on.

Request Two

Please advise the total expenditure to Jacobs the consulting company (from the US) or their NZ company for the last 10 years. I am after a breakdown by year and type of work consulted on.

This letter responds to both of your requests.

The Ministry is required to report on contractors and consultants every year as part of the annual review select committee process. A component of the Ministry's annual review submission includes an appendix that details the contractors and consultants utilised by the Ministry that year including the supplier's legal name, the contract value, and a description of the work completed for each contract.

We refer you to the Parliament website, specifically the select committee page where you can search for annual review submissions and associated appendices for each agency by year and committee. The link to the Environment Committee annual review submissions is located here: Submissions and Advice - New Zealand Parliament (www.parliament.nz).

Note the 2023/24 annual review responses will be made publicly available upon completion of the 2023/24 select committee process later this year.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response 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 <u>OIA responses page</u> 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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