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Reference: OIA-2023/24-0801

Dear [Redacted]

**Official Information Act request relating to DPMC and NEMA spend on consultants and contractors**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 24 April 2024. You sent the request to both DPMC and NEMA. As NEMA is a business unit of DPMC we are providing one response that covers both requests.

You requested:

*“1. 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:*

Business Group	01/20	02/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20
X	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX
Y	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX
Z	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX	\$XXX

*2. 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 2024 you refined your request to:

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:*

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

### Information you requested

Information regarding expenditure on contractors and consultants by DPMC and NEMA is available in the appendices to our annual reviews up to 30 June 2023. These are available on [www.parliament.govt.nz](http://www.parliament.govt.nz) at the following links:

2018/2019 (DPMC only)

[www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/52SCGA\\_EVI\\_92733\\_GA3803/25c25c67f623909148e04903f16c3eb7aeeebf3](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/52SCGA_EVI_92733_GA3803/25c25c67f623909148e04903f16c3eb7aeeebf3)

2019/2020 (DPMC and NEMA)

[www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA\\_EVI\\_104457\\_GA372/d08556580907a224da852bd5dade970f6f9356a8](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA372/d08556580907a224da852bd5dade970f6f9356a8)

2020/2021 (DPMC and NEMA)

[www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA\\_EVI\\_116496\\_GA20955/51290689bb65a988b8c21f8dc7901696dae9f0c1](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_116496_GA20955/51290689bb65a988b8c21f8dc7901696dae9f0c1)

2021/2022 (DPMC and NEMA)

[www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA\\_EVI\\_130099\\_GA22138/c14413750a85e63e1f8f128ae2f3eae18707e58a](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_130099_GA22138/c14413750a85e63e1f8f128ae2f3eae18707e58a)

2022/2023 (DPMC and NEMA)

[www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCGOA\\_EVI\\_fd4648a6-8f33-47f5-4539-08dbfce8a371\\_GOA1052/259cbc95fd5596b1a1c274a8d277a2d5119d4d06](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCGOA_EVI_fd4648a6-8f33-47f5-4539-08dbfce8a371_GOA1052/259cbc95fd5596b1a1c274a8d277a2d5119d4d06)

There is also comprehensive data available on Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website at [Workforce Data - Workforce size - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

Therefore, we have refused your request for these documents under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

The details of the first nine months of this year will be published in June 2024 after the estimates hearing. As such, these figures are refused under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

Regarding your request for the information to be broken down by business unit. Answering this part of your request would require the creation of new information as the data is not held in a way that would enable answering in the format you have requested.

We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

In making our decision, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the DPMC website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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