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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 19 January 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about spending on consultants. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

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

Please note that the annual reviews do not provide the total amount spent on consultants, per consultancy firm.


Information about spending on consultants for 2021/22 will soon be publicly available as part of Corrections' responses to the Annual Review, and responses for previous years are already available. We have noted your request for the amount spent to be reported per consultancy firm, however, Corrections does not hold this information, nor does our system allow us to produce a report in the format you have specified.

Accordingly, your request to receive all information regarding the total amount spent on consultants for each of the last six years is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, because the information is or will soon be publicly available.

Your request to receive this information compiled per consultancy firm is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Corrections and we have not grounds for believing it is held by or more closely connected with the functions of another department.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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