

8 June 2023

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 14 April 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, requesting the following information:

RNZ seeks to establish if the Govt Procurement system is increasingly expressing a preference for specified vendor systems/products/services in the IT cloud computing field

We are aware of tenders that say 'if cloud hosted solution is proposed, preference will be given to Azure and AWS in that order'

We request to know the number of GETS tenders, per year, covering the last 4 years, in all and any aspects of cloud computing, that specified a preference for Microsoft and/or Azure and/or AWS and/of Amazon and/or Google systems/products/services and any combination of these

*Pls also ensure this covers both GETS in its publically accessible online format and its 'private' one'* 

The aim is to map any increase. We request you apply the search or other tool that you believe is best suited to most comprehensively gathering this information.

If any of the above has previously been publicly released, pls provide links to that forthwith. If any of the above has previously been released under the OIA, pls release it now to RNZ as per the OIA regs and SOP.

Pls redact names of junior staff but include those of senior ones

Your request, as it pertains to tenders advertised by the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, was transferred to Corrections on 20 April 2023.

On 19 May 2023, we advised you that Corrections needed additional time to complete consultations necessary for us to make a decision on your request, and extended the due date of your request to 8 June 2023.

We have now completed a detailed assessment of all Corrections tenders in the scope of your request, and consulted with relevant staff across Corrections where required. We have not identified any tenders where Corrections specified a preference for any specific cloud product.

We note that there was one tender which automatically required use of a Microsoft application as it was for an upgrade of an existing Microsoft application. This tender is available at the following link:

https://www.gets.govt.nz/DC/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=21788366

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this response you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

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