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Tēnā koe 

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 26 February 2019, transferred by the State Services Commission to the Ministry for Women for response. Under the Official Information Act 1982, the transfer of this request to the Ministry required a response to you, on or before, **Monday, 8 April 2019**. Your request was:

Please could you provide me with the following:

1. *An approximate cost estimate of the average response to an OIA request across all central government agencies including NZ Police and NZ Defence Force. This should necessarily require an averaging of:*

- a. The average wage per hour typically committed to OIA responses, multiplied by*
- b. The average number of hours committed to responding to an OIA request*

This can be expressed as: $\sum(\text{average wage}_{\text{agency}} \times \text{average number of hours}_{\text{agency}}) / \text{number of agencies}$.

1. *For the period 1 January 2017 – 1 January 2019, the number of OIA requests sent to all central government agencies including NZ Police and NZ Defence Force from or on behalf of the New Zealand Tax Payers Union.*

2. *Please also provide a narrative explaining the method used to determine the average wage and average number of hours across agencies as requested in 1a and 1b of this OIA request.*

For clarity's sake, the purpose of this OIA request is to get an approximate idea of the cost to the tax payer incurred by OIA requests from the New Zealand Tax Payer's Union.

The reason I send this OIA request to the State Services Commission is because it seems to me the most suitable agency to coordinate responses from across Government agencies.

I appreciate that the nature of this request could require more or less time and effort depending on the process employed to obtain the information, therefore I am open to discussing, by email, the best approach to responding to this OIA request that achieves both a useful response for the aforementioned purpose, and is not overburdening.

The answer to the second question 1. in your request is –

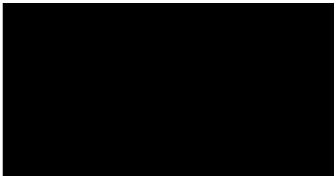
For the period 1 January 2017 to 1 January 2019, the Ministry for Women responded to seven (7) official information requests from requesters identifying themselves as being from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union.

For questions 1.(a), 1.(b), and 2 in the first part of your email, the Ministry for Women (the Ministry) does not hold the information needed to be able to respond. The Ministry is a small agency and responses to Official Information Act requests form part of everyone's roles. We do not breakdown staff time specifically by task. Your request for this information is therefore declined under Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

The Ministry routinely publishes, to the Ministry's website, responses given to requests made under the Official Information Act 1982. Therefore, please note that this response will be included in a future publication of Ministry Official Information Act responses. Your personal details will be redacted. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Chief Executive