

30 January 2023

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 19 January 2023 for:

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.

The Manatū Wāhine – Ministry for Women Annual Review contains an accurate and complete summary of the Ministry's total expenditure on consultants and contractors, broken down by firm.

We follow the following guidance set by the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission, where departments are able to consolidate contracts below \$10,000. This is reflected in our Annual Review.

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/DirectoryFile/Contractors-and-Consultants-Guidance.pdf>

Furthermore, where the supplier is a private individual, the names are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As such, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is already publicly available.

Please refer to our most recent Annual Review for a summary on total amount spent on consultants and contractors, per firm, for the past five financial years, from 2017/18 to 2021/22:

[2021/22 Annual review of the Ministry for Women - Manatū Wāhine](#)

Expenditure for financial year 2016/17 can be found here, in the Ministry's 2019/20 Annual Review:

[2019/20 Annual review of the Ministry for Women - Manatū Wāhine](#)

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. 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 on your request for total spend on consultants. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kellie Coombes', written in a cursive style.

Kellie Coombes
Secretary for Women