



15 January 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 5 December 2024. Your full request is attached as **Appendix A**.

Part 1: Contracts, agreements and communications

The table below provides details on the contracts over the last four years between Inland Revenue and CCH New Zealand/Wolters Kluwer, LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters.

Vendor	Agreement type/name	Start Date	End date*
CCH New Zealand/Wolters Kluwer	TeamMate Subscription	23 February 2018	22 February 2025
	Legal electronic and print products	1 October 2020	30 June 2021
		1 July 2021	30 June 2024
		1 July 2024	30 June 2029
LexisNexis	Provision of legal electronic and print products	1 July 2015	30 June 2027
Thomson Reuters	Provision of legal electronic and print products	1 July 2017	30 June 2027

**These are annual renewals. The end date is if all renewals are exercised.*

I have decided to withhold the copies of the specific contracts, agreements or communication relating to the contracts between Inland Revenue and the requested suppliers in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, as release of this information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied, or who is the subject of the information.

Inland Revenue does not have any contracts with any of the requested suppliers' associated entities. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

Part 2: Financial transactions

To supply the financial transactions with the requested suppliers to the specificity requested would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the entities involved. Therefore, I have decided to withhold this information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA.

As required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding the information requested is outweighed by the public interest. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

I am, however, able to provide the total amounts paid to these companies in the last four years in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Total amounts paid to requested suppliers in the last 4 financial years

Supplier	Dec 2020 – Nov 2021	Dec 2021 – Nov 2022	Dec 2022 – Nov 2023	Dec 2023 – Nov 2024	Total (\$)
CCH New Zealand Limited	872,674	871,842	909,121	894,646	3,548,284
Kluwer Law International BV	-	3,513	3,968	4,341	11,822
LexisNexis NZ Limited	214,766	34,531	462,359	244,622	956,278
Thomson Reuters New Zealand Limited	490,781	505,763	519,585	546,170	2,062,300

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: commissionerscorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective

participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A: Full request

1. *Details of all arrangements the IRD has had in the last four years with the following entities:*

- *CCH, Wolters Kluwer (CCH New Zealand Limited and associated companies)*
- *Thomson Reuters (Thomson Reuters New Zealand Limited and associated companies)*
- *LexisNexis (LexisNexis NZ Limited and associated companies)*

By "arrangements," I mean:

- *Any contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding, including operational processes or documentation reflecting the nature of the relationship.*
- *Any policies, decisions, or communications leading to actions or ongoing engagements with the specified entities.*
- *Regarding "associated companies," this includes but is not limited to:*
 - *Wolters Kluwer International Holding BV*
 - *Thomson Reuters (Professional) Australia Limited*
 - *RELX OVERSEAS Holdings Ltd*
 - *Any entities trading under the names CCH (Commerce Clearing House), Wolters Kluwer, Westlaw, Thomson Reuters, LexisNexis, or RELX.*

2. *A record of all transactions the IRD has had in the last four years with the following entities:*

- *CCH, Wolters Kluwer (CCH New Zealand Limited and associated companies)*
- *Thomson Reuters (Thomson Reuters New Zealand Limited and associated companies)*
- *LexisNexis (LexisNexis NZ Limited and associated companies)*
- *By "transactions," I refer specifically to financial transactions only. Please provide a breakdown of the financial data, including dates, amounts, and purposes of payments made or received.*

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To further assist in processing my request, I confirm that I am seeking:

- *Copies of relevant contracts or agreements*
- *Communications, where they directly relate to the specified arrangements*
- *Financial transaction records or summaries*