



20 May 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 24 April 2024. You requested the following:

*Your organisation's total spend on contractors and consultants from 1 January 2004 – present, broken down by month (including April 2024 if possible). Please further break down that spend by business group (or equivalent organisational unit), with all figures provided in a spreadsheet.*

On 2 May 2024, you clarified your request with the Public Service Commission to data from 2018 onwards. Accordingly, we are providing information starting from the 2017/18 financial year.

Some of the contractor and consultant spend information you have requested is publicly available and published by Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission at the following link: [Workforce Data - Workforce size - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)

The data that Inland Revenue holds on contractor and consultant expenditure since 1 July 2017 is structured in the formats provided in our Annual Reports, to the Finance and Expenditure Committee, and more recently the Public Service Commission surveys. It is not possible to recreate this historical data in the format requested due to the age of the data, how we retain this data, and the billing methods (e.g. monthly, two-monthly, quarterly). Detailed data by supplier is available in our responses to Estimates reviews and Annual reviews to the Finance and Expenditure Committee, which can be found on Parliament's website ([www.parliament.nz](http://www.parliament.nz)) by searching for "Inland Revenue annual review 2022/23 Pre-Hearing Questions".

For these reasons your request is refused under s18(d) of the OIA, the information you have requested is publicly available. Additionally, your request for this total broken down by month and business unit is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, the information you have requested is not held by Inland Revenue, nor do I have reason to believe that the information is held by another department.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ([www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, will 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 for your request.

Yours sincerely



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