

21 May 2024

Dear			

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), transferred to Inland Revenue from The Department of Internal Affairs on 17 May 2024. You requested the following:

- 1. "How many staff are involved with Gloriavale?
- 2. Which departments are they from?
- 3. What is the annual cost of this?
- 4. Do you see this presence changing next year, if so, why and how?
- 5. What active investigations do you currently have into Gloriavale (such as its charitable status)?
- 6. When do you expect to conclude this?"

The information you have requested is considered sensitive revenue information under section 18 of the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA) because it directly relates to a specific entity (or group of entities). Your request for this information is therefore refused under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA, as making the requested information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment, namely Inland Revenue's confidentiality obligation in section 18 of the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA). Disclosure of this information does not fall within any of the exceptions to the confidentiality obligation listed in sections 18D to 18J of the TAA.

While items four and six do not constitute a request for official information under the OIA as they are requests for advice or opinion, this is still considered sensitive revenue information and is confidential under the provisions outlined above.

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: <u>commissionerscorrespondence@ird.govt.nz</u>.

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: <u>info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>.

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 (<u>ird.govt.nz</u>) 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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