



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request Our Ref: OIA 2024-0102

I refer to your official information request received on 2 May 2024 where you asked the following:

1. *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 in the following format:*

	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20
Business Group X	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX
Business Group Y	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX
Business Group Z	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX	\$XXX,XXX

2. *I am primarily interested in data from 1 January 2020 onwards. If figures from earlier years are difficult to compile and require more time to do so, please prioritise figures from more recent years. If necessary, I am OK with receiving earlier data in a separate tranche response.*

We contacted you on 2 May 2024 and you clarified your request to be for information from 2018 onwards.

Our response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) collects and publishes Public Service contractor and consultant expenditure as part of our Workforce data. Public Service contractor and consultant data for the 2017/18 year was the first to be published using the Commission’s new guidance on how to report contractor and consultant expenditure. Before the new guidance, there was inconsistency in how organisations reported this expenditure.

Since 2017/18, contractor and consultant expenditure has been published annually on the Commission’s website. We started collecting this data for all public service agencies on a quarterly basis since 2022/23, with the next set of data due to be published in June 2024. This data can be found at the following link on the Commission’s website: [Workforce Data - Workforce size - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

The Commission, however, does not collect this data broken down by individual business group and there is no obligation to create information for the purpose of responding to an OIA request. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds the information does not exist.

Further information

The Commission also reports on contractor and consultant expenditure annually in our Annual Review, which is available on the Parliament NZ website at the following link: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/governance-and-administration/>.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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