

3 May 2024

Via email:	s9(2)(a)
Dear	

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 4 April 2024. You requested:

- A breakdown of the actual and budgeted expenditure on PR and Communications support for the current financial year, as well as the previous two financial years, for Infrastructure Commission.
- 2. For each instance of expenditure on PR and Communications support, please indicate whether the services were procured through an open tender process or if it was a closed process. In accordance with the principles of the Official Information Act, I seek to understand the transparency and competitiveness of the procurement process.
- The names of the companies, agencies, or individuals that received payment for providing PR and Communications services to Infrastructure Commission. Additionally, I request the value of the contracts awarded to each service provider.

We have interpreted 'PR and Communications support' – the subject of your request – using the definitions set out by the Public Service Commission here: <u>Guidance: Communications function</u> <u>definition - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission</u>. On this basis, we have interpreted your request as excluding non-core communications functions such as website services or events management.

Over this time period, the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihanga has used permanent and contract staff to fulfil our communications requirements. We have not required any additional communications or public relations support and so have not needed to go through a procurement process. We therefore have no information within scope of your request.

You will find information about our communications expense in our annual reports available on our website here: https://tewaihanga.govt.nz/about-us/corporate-documents-official-information/documents

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on Te Waihanga's website.



This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Anna Moodie

General Manager, Operations