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Dear Gerard

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emails of 27 January 2020 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your specific questions and my responses are outlined below.

1. ***What systems have you put in place to protect the public from your employee from the northland branch who threatens suppliers with removal of contracts and who spies on his neighbors making false statements in court hearings using NZTA approved equipment and NZTA lawyers and taxpayers money?***

I am refusing your request under section 18(h) of the Act as the request is frivolous or vexatious or that the information requested is trivial.

2. ***Can you please provide a copy of all receipts from first security relating to the personal security for members of one of your northland employees family in nov/dec 2019.***

The information requested is attached as **Attachment 1**. It has been released in full.

3. ***can you please provide a copy of all emails ,memos and directions from your senior project manager concepts, northland to your security department, which led to you implementing personal security for his family, because of a peaceful protest i conducted outside WSP Opus on 1st Nov,2019, as stated by him in his testimony on 5th nov, in empc, byrne Vs nzta.***

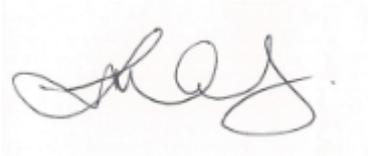
I have withheld this information under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows us to withhold information to protect the privacy of natural persons. I have also withheld information under section 6(d) of the Act. This section allows us to withhold information if the release of this information may endanger the safety of any person.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information and to refuse parts of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Linda Bird, Manager Employment Relations, by email to linda.bird@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 5400.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leisa Coley', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

Leisa Coley
Manager Ministerial Services