

04 March 2020

Official Information Request No. 8140006349
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Dear Simon

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
Re: Consultant for commercialisation of building consent school

I refer to your email, which we received on 04 February 2020, requesting information regarding consultant for commercialisation of building consent school.

Please see your specific questions with response below:

- 1. Has Mark Flowers, former Chief Executive of Wintec, been approached to conduct a review of the current Building Training School, or to conduct any other work for Auckland Council;**

Mr Flowers is not doing any work for Auckland Council. There has been one informal conversation with him about a potential project. We have not offered him the work.

- 2. If so, was this the result of a competitive tender process or single-source selection?**

Since Mr Flowers has never been appointed for any project this question is not applicable.

- 3. If so, who was responsible for his appointment?**

Mr Flowers has not been appointed to any position to Auckland Council.

- 4. If so, was this person aware of the 2015 and 2018 investigations into the conduct of Mr Flowers carried out by Wintec and Audit NZ?**

The person who had the informal conversation with Mr Flowers was aware of the investigations involving Mr Flowers and Wintec commissioned audit reports, as well as the subsequent outcomes of those investigations.

- 5. If so, is the Chief Executive of Auckland Council aware of this appointment?**

See answer to question 2.

6. If so, was the decision to select Mr Flowers reviewed with any internal integrity and/or professional standards unit?"

Not applicable for the reason stated above in question 1.

Decisions relating to what information is being released to you were made by Phil Wilson, Governance Director.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No 8140006349.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Prasta Rai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R'.

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