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Andrew Chen

By email: fyi-request-14606-5305367e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: H202100684

Dear Andrew Chen

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 4 February 2021 for:

"A list of vendors that have provided data science services to MOH in the last three years."

The Ministry's contract management system does not categorise contracted services, nor does the Ministry record contracted services in this manner. To provide this information would require going through all contracts issued within the last three years to determine if a specific vendor/contract fits within the scope of your request. For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would involve substantial manual research and collation.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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