New Zealand's Innovation Agency

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By email: Caleb@ricespeir.co.nz

Dear Simon,

Official information request - Callaghan Innovation IP programme, next year's programme

I refer to your official information request dated 10 February 2021 for the following information:

- 1. Please advise whether, and if so why, Callaghan Innovation is running the Innovation IP programme (or an equivalent programme) next year?
- 2. Does Callaghan Innovation intend to limit the number of Intellectual Property Service providers?
- 3. If Callaghan Innovation intends to restrict the number of service providers, please advise why?
- 4. Has Callaghan Innovation communicated with Intellectual Property service providers over any details of the design of the programme to be offered next year? If so, please share these details.
- 5. At this point, does Callaghan Innovation have information identifying specific intellectual property related services that may be needed by New Zealand businesses, so as to necessitate the Innovation IP programme or a similar programme next year? If so, please share this information.

The information you have requested is below.

1. Please advise whether, and if so why, Callaghan Innovation is running the Innovation IP programme (or an equivalent programme) next year?

Response:

Please refer to the following:

- -Our response to question $\overline{7}$ of your request titled "Callaghan Innovation IP Programme and IP services", sent to you today.
- -the February response (questions 8, 9 and 10).

The same response applies.

2. Does Callaghan Innovation intend to limit the number of Intellectual Property Service providers?

Response:

This is something that Callaghan Innovation is considering as part of its internal design process for the next version of the programme.

3. If Callaghan Innovation intends to restrict the number of service providers, please advise why?

Response:

No decision has been made.

For context: reducing panel sizes so that they best reflect the volume of work available to them is not only a commonly-used procurement approach, but something that is set out in the Auditor



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General's guidance on how to manage supplier panels. This would be relevant information that would be considered.

4. Has Callaghan Innovation communicated with Intellectual Property service providers over any details of the design of the programme to be offered next year? If so, please share these details.

Response:

No, Callaghan Innovation has not communicated with Intellectual Property service providers over details of the design of the programme.

5. At this point, does Callaghan Innovation have information identifying specific intellectual property related services that may be needed by New Zealand businesses, so as to necessitate the Innovation IP programme or a similar programme next year? If so, please share this information.

Response:

Please refer to our response to questions 8, 9 and 10 of your "Innovation IP review" questions. This was sent to you on 10 February 2021, and the same response applies.

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.

Kind regards,

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Callaghan Innovation