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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0411

Dear R S Bicknell

**Official Information Act request relating to spend on contractors in 2020**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 9 October 2021. You requested:

*“How much was spent on contracts with EY, PWC, Ernst and Young, and Deloitte in 2020?”*

On 8 November 2021, I extended your request by 10 days, to allow for time to consult with relevant staff in the agency. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

You have requested information relating to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), established on 1 December 2019, is a departmental agency hosted by DPMC and is included in this response.

DPMC and NEMA provide the amount the Department has spent on consultancy services to the Governance and Administration Select Committee as part of its Annual Review. I note that this information is published on the Parliament website and is available through the following link:

- [www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA\\_EVI\\_104457\\_GA372/d08556580907a224da852bd5dade970f6f9356a8](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA372/d08556580907a224da852bd5dade970f6f9356a8)(Appendix 4).

Details on the amount the DPMC and NEMA have spent on consultancy services for the first nine months of the 2020/21 financial year was provided to the Governance and Administration Select Committee as part of its Estimates Examination for Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet. I note that this information is published on the Parliament website and is available through the following link:

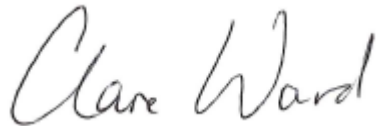
- [www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA\\_EVI\\_111458\\_GA1030/fa84f31f5dcf1231d42bb3801410e19e810cf0ca](http://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCGA_EVI_111458_GA1030/fa84f31f5dcf1231d42bb3801410e19e810cf0ca)(Appendix 4)

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Ward  
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