

13 December 2022

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c/o fyi-request-21333-cc2eb375@requests.fyi.org.nz

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request, via the fyi.org.nz website, dated 5 December 2022 in which you ask:

- 1. What Private Investigator individual or company are you paying at present?
- 2. How much have you paid private investigators in the last five years prior to 5/12/2022.

In response to these questions:

- 1. We are not currently paying any private investigator individuals or companies.
- 2. In the five years to 5/12/2022, we paid a total of \$79,672.22 in private investigator fees.

I trust that this reply serves to meet your request. You have the right to refer this reply to the Ombudsman for review (complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz).

Please address any correspondence in this matter to OIA@plantandfood.co.nz – we have given your request the reference 0932.2.1.12.22.

Yours sincerely

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**Communications Manager**