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Tēnā koe Liam

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2023 to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), which was subsequently transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for a response. In your email you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I understand that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was responsible for overseeing the activities of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council while Christopher Luxon was the chairperson of that body.

The prime minister has recently said "I'm aware the chair of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council spent money employing consultants to write the one substantive report the council managed to come up with," I would like to request the following information:

First, please confirm which report was written by consultants.

Second, please disclose which consultancy firm was used to write the report.

Third, please disclose how much the consultancy firm was paid to write the report.

If the Department does not have this information, please disclose the basis of the Prime Minister's statements regarding the claimed report and its authorship.



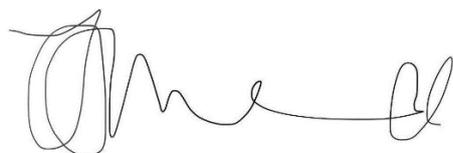
Please find the following information relevant to your request.

Request	Response
<p><i>First, please confirm which report was written by consultants.</i></p> <p><i>Second, please disclose which consultancy firm was used to write the report.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• McKinsey & Company prepared two reports:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>A Future That Works Report: Harnessing Automation for a More Productive and Thriving New Zealand</i>2. <i>Future of Work – Implications for Māori</i>• Perceptive prepared one report:<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. <i>New Zealand Business Compliance Research</i>
<p><i>Third, please disclose how much the consultancy firm was paid to write the report.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MBIE made a financial contribution of \$200,000 (excluding GST) to McKinsey & Company, for the development of the following report: <i>Future of Work – Implications for Māori.</i>• MBIE does not hold information about the cost of reports 1 and 3, and we are therefore refusing this aspect of your request under section 18(g) of the Act: <i>that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either –</i><ol style="list-style-type: none">(i) <i>held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or</i>(ii) <i>connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.</i>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

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Nāku noa, nā



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