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Dear Shane

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 30 April 2023 in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act (the Act), the following information:

- *...an extract of the annual amount spent with all suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year. I would like this data in an open format, csv or json formats would be suitable.*
- *I would like the following details provided:*
 - *Supplier Name*
 - *Suppliers NZBN number (if available)*
 - *Total Amount Spent*

On 29 May, the Ministry of Defence extended your request by 15 working days to 20 June in order to assess all of this information that was captured as part of your request.

Attached is the requested information relating to the 2021/22 departmental spend on suppliers by the Ministry of Defence.

One of the key functions of the Ministry of Defence is to purchase military equipment on behalf of the New Zealand Defence Force to ensure that it is able to undertake the tasks that Government asks of it. Following a further review of this material, it has been determined that, the names and spend for these contracts are commercially sensitive due to the nature of the services and goods provided. As such this information relating to Crown expenditure is withheld pursuant to sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(j) of the Act – to protect information where the making available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, and to enable the Ministry to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations. It is not considered the public interest in this information outweighs the need to protect it.

Where these contracts are with other governments, this detail is protected in accordance with section 6(a) of the Act – where release of this information would prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to request an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Minson', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Minson
Deputy Secretary, Capability Delivery

- *Enclosure: Ministry of Defence Supplier Spend 202122*