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Ref: OIA-2022/23-1069

Dear Shane Gibson

Official Information Act request relating to the annual amount spent with specific suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 29 June 2023. You requested:

I would like an extract of the annual amount spent with all suppliers where the Supplier name begins with the letter A for the 2021/2022 financial year.

This is a subset of the volume of data I have earlier requested which you decided not to provide due to the high level of effort required. The smaller set of data requested should result in a smaller amount of effort.

I would like this data in an open format, csv or json formats would be suitable.

I do not want this information provided in pdf or watermarked pdf format, as this is not an open format.

I would like the following details provided:

- Supplier Name
- Suppliers NZBN number (if available)
- Total Amount Spent
- GST Exclusive amount

I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act on the basis that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation. Preparing the data for release would require us to manually review and cross-reference each individual data point against financial and human resource records, as our business needs do not require us to be able to automatically generate this data for reporting or making payments. As such, making this data available cannot be achieved without substantial manual collation.

I have considered whether extending the time for response or imposing a charge would alleviate the reasons for this refusal (section 18A refers) and determined that neither option would enable a response. I have also considered whether refining the request would enable response (section 18B refers); however, I did not identify any refinement which would assist in processing your request while still satisfying your interests.

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

This response will not be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare Ward".

Clare Ward
Executive Director
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