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Tēnā koe Ms Holden

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 (OIA) - REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION - CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED (CIAL)

1. We write further to our email of 02 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request of 01 August 2023 seeking information (if held by CIAL) in relation to CIAL's tenants.

We have answered your request in this letter and for completeness, we set out your request below. Please note, after your initial request, you sent a further email clarification regarding the region in which you were requesting.

2. **Request: Received 01 August 2023** - Christchurch Airport Tenants - nature, number, space occupied:

"I would like a list of the business name, business type and floor space (square meters occupied) of all tenants, licensees or similar of Christchurch Airport, both within the terminal and on any land owned or managed by Christchurch Airport, near the airport itself or elsewhere. If you need to redact the names of businesses for commercial reasons, please do so, but please explain why this would be an issue. This request holds for those who are tenants in the legal sense, OR occupy space at Christchurch Airport under some other arrangement or legal structure.

Please also supply the total remaining floor space held by Christchurch Airport for the company's own use (ie not tenants) both AT the airport, and then separately all other land owned or controlled by Christchurch Airport."

- 3. From the outset, please note that CIAL will provide you with the requested information where it is able. However, you will note within this letter that it is occasionally unable to release requested information if it would prejudice or disadvantage CIAL's commercial activities.
- 4. CIAL is a council-controlled trading organisation that has been specifically established to operate and manage its business as an independent commercial

undertaking for the purposes of making a profit, and to follow generally accepted commercial practices and disciplines. CIAL is not a public body collecting and spending public funds. It operates as a wholly commercial, standalone entity. Due to the size and scale of those activities it is one of only three major airports in New Zealand regulated under Part 4 of the Commerce Act.

5. In respect to your request we have split this into two parts (a) and (b), which we have dealt with separately below:

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We cannot release the list of all CIAL tenants as to do so, would disadvantage our commercial activities (section 9(2)(i) OIA); therefore, we are unable to provide you with this information. Furthermore, CIAL considers the information sought to be confidential given they will be subject to standard commercial leases containing confidentiality provisions.

(b) "Please also supply the total remaining floor space held by Christchurch Airport for the company's own use (ie not tenants) both AT the airport, and then separately all other land owned or controlled by Christchurch Airport."

Regarding the total remaining floor space, roughly 41,000 square metres is the floor space held by Christchurch Airport for the company's own use as an airport made up of terminal and non-terminal square metre areas which does not materially change year to year. The breakdown of the terminal functional square metres is available on our website under the Financial Reports Regulatory Disclosures: https://www.christchurchairport.co.nz/about-us/who-we-are/financial-reports/regulatory-disclosures/

In relation to all other land owned or controlled by Christchurch Airport, this is publicly available, so we recommend you seeking out this information through Toitū Te Whenua ('Land Information New Zealand'). For ease of reference, please note CIAL owns the Shipley's Block in Canterbury which has tenants. In addition, CIAL owns approximately 800 hectares in Central Otago currently tenanted by three individuals or entities.

- 6. We trust we have answered your requests for information. If you require any further information or if we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
- 7. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions contained in this letter. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman or make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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