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Tēnā koe Katie

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 15 July 2024. You requested:

I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act (OIA) regarding any potential conflict of interest involving Vicki Campbell of Equilibrium Legal, who recently served as the arbitrator for the pay offer negotiations between the Government and the Police Association for sworn officers.

Specifically, I request the following information:

- i) The number of, and nature of any contracts or engagements between NZ Police and Vicki Campbell or Equilibrium Legal from June 2023 to June 2024.*
- ii) Any declarations of conflict of interest made by Vicki Campbell in relation to her role as the arbitrator in the recent sworn officer pay negotiations.*
- iii) Records of communication between NZ Police and Vicki Campbell or Equilibrium Legal regarding her appointment as the arbitrator for the pay offer negotiations.*

Police is refusing your request under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA, where the making available of the information requested would be contrary to the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996.

In addition, Police is withholding information regarding related documentation in full under section 9(2)(j) OIA, where withholding is necessary to enable Police to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in the release of the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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