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Dear Mr McCall

On 15 March 2016 you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 a copy of the final signed contract for the following studies that were tendered by the Health Promotion Agency (HPA) through GETS: Health Star Rating and monitoring evaluation (RFx ID: 13836010) and 2016 Sun Exposure Survey (RFx ID: 15118971).

Subsequently on 23 March 2016 you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 a copy of the final signed contract for the following studies that were tendered through GETS, namely:

'Infant Hunger and Satiety Exploratory Research.'  
ICCNZ #: 42127

'Evaluation of Pacific ABC Alcohol Approach Implementation.'  
ICCNZ #: 41917

'Tobacco control campaign evaluation.'  
ICCNZ #: 41414

'Research on the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.'  
ICCNZ #: 41321

'Drinking and Pregnancy (DAP) Initial Stages Research.'  
ICCNZ #: 41030

'2013 Alcohol-related Behaviour and Attitudes Survey.'  
ICCNZ #: 39745

'Sun Exposure Survey.'  
ICCNZ #: 37367

'WCC Voluntary Accord Trial.'  
RFx ID: 6579962

'New Zealand Mental Health Survey fieldwork 2016 to 2018.'  
RFx ID: 17102578 (This contract has yet to be signed by the supplier)

Copies of the contracts are attached. Please note that information relating to the milestones pricing schedule and other financial information, along with the proposal received in response to the tender included in the research agreements, have been withheld under Section 9(2)(b)(ii) and Section 9(2)(ba) and Section 9(2)(a) of the Official information Act 1982.

Section 9(2)(b)(ii) allows for the withholding of information where the making available of the information 'would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information'.

Section 9(2)(ba) of the Official information Act 1982 allows for the withholding of information to '... protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence ... where the making available of the information - (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or (ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest'.

Section 9(2)(a) allows for the withholding of the information if necessary to "protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons"; and this interest is not "outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

Under Section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to apply to the Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cath Edmondson', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Cath Edmondson  
**Acting General Manager Policy, Research and Advice**