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Dear Mr Hall

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 18 August 2016 received via email seeking information about Police Undercover operations. You referenced; 'the Kamal Reddy case, where the "Mr Big" Technique was used to gain a confession'. Your request was:

1. Could you please tell me the total amount of money paid to Mr Reddy for ALL setup/fake jobs he carried out during this process, such as the quoted section below from the radionz.co.nz link:

"During the operation undercover police posed as members of a criminal organisation. They befriended Reddy and offered him a trial period, doing odd-jobs for small amounts of money, collecting debts and picking up stolen property".

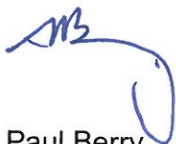
2. Is this money written off as part of gaining a confession or is there steps to recover this?

In respect of question 1, Police would not disclose the costs of undercover operations where that would indicate the size and extent of their investigations, methodologies or techniques, because the release of such details would only serve to inform criminals how the undercover agents work. This would lead to more opportunities to expose and identify undercover agents in the field. For this reason, the costs are withheld pursuant to section 6(c) as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

In respect of question 2 no action is taken to recover those costs.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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Acting National Crime Manager