



DOIA 1718-003

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via email

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Kia ora Gael

Thank you for your response. The following information would still fall within the scope of your refined request:

- 115,920 individual assessment scores
- 6,900 proposals and
- 3300 referee reports for full proposals.

The Ministry may therefore refuse your request on the grounds of substantial collusion under section 18(f) of the OIA, unless you are able to considerably further narrow the scope of your request and/or the Ministry considers imposing a charge.

For your information, with any collusion of information necessary to respond to your request, the Ministry is likely to consider withholding information under the following grounds:

- i) 9 (2) (a) protect the privacy of natural persons,

And

- ii) 9 (2) (ba) (i): protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information 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.

And

- iii) 9 (2) (g) (i) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty; or



Ministry officials are available to discuss the following options with you:

- a) Understanding your specific requirements, and refining the scope of your request to (for example) a particular set of scores from a panel or year. The Ministry could then reassess the scope of the information requested and the work involved; and/or
- b) Reviewing the possible work involved within the scope of your refined request and therefore assisting the Ministry to consider the charges it may need to fix in order to respond to your request, under sections 18A(1)(a) and 15 of the Act.

The Ministry invites you to contact us to discuss the above options with you. The Ministry will then be in a position to determine whether it needs to extend the timeframe for responding to you (currently 31 July).

Please note that if we don't hear from you by Thursday 27 July your request will be refused under section 18(f) of the Act, on the ground of substantial collusion.

Yours sincerely



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