



30 January 2018

Ref: DOIA 1718-0823

Ms Cindy Black

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Dear Ms Black

Thank you for your email of 14 December 2017 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Can you please tell me the total annual salary costs for the CE and each of the CE's direct reports. I only want the total figure of number of people involved and total annual salary costs for all those people, I do not want to know the individual salary levels for any specific person, and I am sure that you would not tell me that anyway.

Can you please provide me the above information for each of the last five years as at say 1 December 2017 and the four prior years. If 1 December as a date is too much work, then the information as at some other suitable, relatively recent, date will be fine, along with the prior four years data.

The State Services Commissioner is mandated to appoint and employ Public Sector Chief Executives. The annual salary costs of Public Sector Chief Executives can be found in the State Services Commission's Chief Executive Remuneration Disclosure (within a range of \$10,000). The reports are published by financial year, and 2010/11 to 2016/17 can be found here: www.ssc.govt.nz/senior-pay-report.

The total salary costs for the Ministry's Chief Executive and their direct reports can be found in the Ministry's annual reports. However, please note that this information excludes the salary of the Chief Executive's Executive Assistant.

The annual reports for the past five financial years can be found here: www.mbie.govt.nz/about/who-we-are/our-publications/annual-report and the relevant pages are as follows:

- 2016/17 – Key management personnel compensation, page 148
- 2015/16 – Key management personnel compensation, page 111
- 2014/15 - Key management personnel compensation, page 119
- 2013/14 - Key management personnel compensation, page 138
- 2012/13 - Key management personnel compensation, page 140

I am, therefore, refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you have requested is publicly available. I am also withholding the salary of the Chief Executive's Executive Assistant under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I trust you find the information helpful. 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.

Yours sincerely



 Stewart McRobie
Chief Financial Officer