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Dear Murray Cockburn

I refer to your email of 14 May 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

" ... please advise the name (or names) of the quantity surveyor(s) or cost consultant(s) that MWH (later Stantec,) employed to advise on all financial aspects of the contract, checking and agreeing costs for contractual variations, checking the contractors monthly claims for payment, etc. Further, what were the qualifications and experience of the quantity surveyor(s) or cost consultant(s) employed?"

We are withholding the names of the contractors employed by Stantec New Zealand Ltd pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect individuals' privacy.

The contractor has assured us that all those working on this project had industry standard qualifications for the work they were carrying out.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade