

27 August 2018

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Dear Mr Farrar

Ref: 0052019

### Official Information Act Request

On 23 May 2018 you asked for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"... all documents and information regarding the partnership with the New Zealand Union of Students' Associations (NZUSA) to prevent sexual violence in tertiary education settings.*

*This includes (but is not limited to) any contracts, correspondence, e-mails, reports, evaluations and updates. I would also like details of how much of the \$1.4 million announced has been paid out, and what the deliverables to date have been."*

On 4 June 2018 you clarified your request as follows:

*"My request is limited to the recent contract with NZUSA, not all other dealings between ACC and NZUSA in relation to sexual violence prevention?"*

*In terms of specific documents and correspondence, I am particularly interested in the contract for services, any evaluation of what gains ACC hoped to make from the contract, any evaluations of how NZUSA has performed, and why the contract was suspended or terminated. Also any concerns over behaviour of employees at NZUSA which relate to this contract."*

We wrote to you on 29 June 2018, advising a 40 day extension of time (to 27 August 2018) for making a decision on your request. This extension of time was needed for consultation, and because your request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information. We have now completed our work on your request.

#### **Background**

ACC entered into an agreement with NZUSA on 30 June 2017, to deliver a sexual violence prevention programme to tertiary education campuses across New Zealand. The agreed funding was for \$1.4 million over three years.

ACC and NZUSA agreed to suspend the contract in late January 2018. This followed allegations of sexual harassment, concerns about employment practices and resignations within NZUSA.

#### **Our response**

The documents and correspondence we have identified as being within the scope of your request, are set out in the table below and are attached

No.	Name	Date
1	Project Status Report – August 2017	12 September 2017
2	Project Status Report – September 2017	5 October 2017
3	Project Status Report – October 2017	7 November 2017
4	Project Status Report – November 2017	8 December 2017
5	Project Status Report – December 2017	9 January 2018
6	Funding Agreement	30 June 2017
7	Letter to NZUSA – suspension of funding agreement	26 January 2018
8	Email	19 January 2018
9	Email	20 December 2017
10	Email	26 September 2017
11	Email	30 January 2018

### **Withheld information**

Please note we have made a number of redactions from the documents to protect the privacy of individuals. This includes names of ACC staff and NZUSA staff (below President and Vice President), signatures, contact details and some details about the incidents that lead to the suspension of the funding agreement. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

We have also withheld some information on the first page of Document 4 to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence under section 9(2)(ba) of the Act. This withholding ground is noted in the redacted section on that page.

We have also withheld two emails in their entirety to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence under section 9(2)(ba) of the Act, and to protect the privacy of individuals under section 9(2)(a).

We have determined that our decision to withhold certain information, as outlined above, is not outweighed by public interest in making it available.

### **ACC is happy to answer your questions**

If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, ACC will be happy to work with you to resolve these. Please address any concerns by emailing [GES@acc.co.nz](mailto:GES@acc.co.nz) or in writing to *Government Engagement and Support, PO Box 242, Wellington 6140*.

You also 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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