

26 June 2018

Alex Harris
By email to: fyi-request-8061-8e495c2f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alex

Re Official Information Request – Thompson & Clark

I refer to your official information request dated 19 June 2018 for the following information:

All information relating to, or provided by, Thompson and Clark Private Investigations between the years 2014-2018 held by your agency.

We can provide the following summary of our work with Thompson and Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL).

(Note that because Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) operates from Auckland DHB, we have included information on ARPHS' use of TCIL).

1. Auckland DHB contracted TCIL on one occasion in 2015:

TCIL was contracted by the DHB in accordance with government procurement rules. TCIL was contracted to investigate an Auckland DHB employee suspected of misappropriating DHB property.

As this is an employment matter, we are not able to provide further details because to do so would be a breach of the privacy of the individual concerned. We are therefore refusing to provide any documentation or further information regarding this matter under Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of persons.

2. ARPHS worked with TCIL in 2015:

TCIL was contracted and funded by the Ministry of Health for this work.

As part of ARPHS' audit of the 1080 drop in the Hunua Ranges (West Auckland), TCIL was responsible for checking the loading zone operations to make sure the 1080 bait was kept secure.

TCIL's role was to make sure the helicopter operator transported and stored the bait safely and that risk of any spillage of pellets or 1080 dust was minimised. TCIL was also used to check tracks were clear of 1080 bait following the drop. TCIL employees were accompanied by ARPHS and Council staff on the tracks.

ARPHS' role in the 2015 1080 drop was to ensure the Council's 1080 operation met the conditions the service required to keep the public safe.

We note that information relating to this matter is soon to be publically released by the Ministry of Health in a media release and therefore decline to provide any further information under Section 18(d) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information relating to individuals and information soon to be publically available. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive