

30 November 2022

Dear

Ref: OIA-2022/23-0340

Official Information Act request relating to DPMC's engagement with lobbyists

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 November 2022. You requested:

"This Official Information Act request seeks to gauge the extent of DPMC's engagement with lobbyists and applies to the following firms:

- Capital Government Relations
- Thompson Lewis
- Shearson Willis
- Draper Cormack
- Saunders Unsworth
- Cosgrove & Partners Ltd
- Barton Deakin
- Hawker Britton
- Anacta Consulting

For each of the full calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 (until the date of this email) please provide the following information:

• All communications, including emails and correspondence, exchanged with representatives of these lobbying firms

• The amount of money paid to each firm in each year

• The number of meetings, listed by date, between a member of your organisation and any representative of the lobbying firms listed

I also request the following documents that the listed lobbying firms have provided to your organisation for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 years:

• All reports, submissions, talking points, advice, memos, briefings, media training materials, preparation material for select committees, crisis management advice, strategic business advice and analysis, advice on regulatory and legislative decisions and political intelligence including information, biographies and profiles of Ministers, MPs and members of the public service."

Following an extensive manual search, no information was located within scope of your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, that the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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