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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0495

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request for amount spent on consultants for the last six years

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 19 January 2023. You requested:

“Under the Official Information Act 1982, I wish to request all information regarding the total amount spent on consultants—per consultancy firm—for each of the last six years. Please note that the annual reviews do not provide the total amount spent on consultants, per consultancy firm.

I ask that the information be supplied in the following Excel/Sheets format:

Consultancy firm	Amount year one	Amount year two	Amount year three	Amount year four	Amount year five	Amount year six”
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We have interpreted your request to refer to financial years, in line with the reporting cycle.

You have requested that the information within scope of your request be supplied within the provided Excel/Sheets format. Our financial systems do not hold this information in a suitable way which can be extracted in the requested format. I note, however, that the information requested is publicly available on the Parliament website, and you can collate the information into your preferred format.

Please see the below table which contains links to the Annual Review Appendices for the financial years of 2015/16 through to 2020/21 for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), a departmental agency hosted by DPMC. NEMA was established in December 2019, before this time the function existed within the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, a business group located within DPMC.

Item	Financial Year	Website Address
1.	2015/16	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/51SCGA_EVI_00DBSCH_ANR_71550_1_A5405_89/department-of-the-prime-minister-and-cabinet-response
2.	2016/17	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCGA_EVI_75468_566/department-of-prime-minister-and-cabinet-appendix-2-q63
3.	2017/18	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCGA_EVI_82376_2366/department-of-the-prime-minister-and-cabinet-appendix
4.	2018/19	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCGA_EVI_92733_GA3803/department-of-prime-minister-and-cabinet-appendix-2
5.	2019/20	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCGA_EVI_104457_GA372/dpmc-and-nema-responses-to-written-questions-appendices
6.	2020/21	https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCGA_EVI_116496_GA20955/dpmc-and-nema-appendices

Please note that you have previously requested the 2020/21 financial year information and received a response to this request on 3 November 2022.

Please also note that information for the financial year 2021/22 will be published on the Parliament website within the coming weeks. Accordingly, I have refused this part request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

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

This response may be published on the DPMC'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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