



7 August 2023



Ref: OIA-2023/24-0031

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to request for proposals for insights to build an empirical picture of the disinformation landscape**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 18 July 2023. You requested:

*"I'd like to know who is receiving funding for the DPMC's RFP on insights to build an empirical picture of the disinformation landscape, and request a copy of their bid (or bids)."*

The preferred suppliers for the request for proposal (RFP) for insights to build an empirical picture of the disinformation landscape are currently engaged in negotiations with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

As such, releasing the identity of the preferred suppliers and the nature of their bids is likely to breach commercial confidence and compromise ongoing negotiations. Therefore, your request for names is withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act.

However, the Government rules of procurement means that DPMC will post the successful suppliers via a Contract Award Notice on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS) within 30 days of contract signature. This is in line with the RFP, and DPMC intends for the public to be able to access the reporting made under these contracts.

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 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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