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Tēnā koe Sarah

Ministry of Education's Response to State Services Commission Inquiry into the Use of External Security Consultants

Thank you for your letter of 23 July 2018 in which you invite me to check whether there are any matters regarding our use of external security consultants that should be brought to the attention of the inquiry currently underway by the State Services Commissioner.

Based on your advice and following the guidance laid out in your letter, we have undertaken an internal review of our records in relation to the past ten years.

Following this internal review, I can confirm that over the period in question, the Ministry had no engagement with Thompson and Clark Investigations Ltd. The only associated entities the Ministry has engaged with over this period were Corporate Risks Ltd and Cyclops Monitoring. Both entities were engaged by the property division to review fire damage at schools; I can confirm the following:

- that I am satisfied that any and all relationships or use of external security consultants by the Ministry of Education has been appropriate, well-managed and that there are appropriate controls and oversight in place
- that any interactions or relationships with any external security consultants are consistent with the professional expectations of the public service as expressed in the Code of Conduct for the State Services.

Nāku noa nā



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Secretary for Education

Cc Geoff Short, Assistant Commissioner, SSC