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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 follow up email of 3 October requesting further information the Ministry's engagement with Cyclops Monitoring. In the course of collating the information to respond to you, it has been brought to my attention that my letter to you of 20 August 2018 contained an inaccuracy, which I wish to correct for the record.

My letter stated that: *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.*

While it is correct that Corporate Risks Ltd was engaged for this purpose, I have today been advised that Cyclops Monitoring was engaged in relation to a trial of wireless monitored security camera systems at five school sites in Auckland.

I have attached further information about that engagement.

Please accept my apologies for the incorrect statement in my letter. I confirm that the assurances I provided in that letter stand, in relation to both of these engagements. Specifically:

- 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.

Ngā mihi



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Secretary for Education