



16 July 2021



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. The amount of money your department/organisation has spent on the hiring of external contractors in the 2020/2021 financial year.*
- 2. Could you also provide details of every contract over \$10,000, including who/ which firm was hired, to do what job, and over how long of a period.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation at this point in time.

The Ministry is still in the process of collating the amount the Ministry of Education has spent on hiring external contractors for the 2020-21 financial year. Although we are now past the end of the 2020-21 financial year, it still takes two to three months to finalise end of financial year figures due to the size and complexity of the Ministry's transactions. This delay also takes into account the end of year accruals that have not yet taken place.

The information you have requested also forms part of the Ministry's response to the Education and Workforce Committee, as part of our regular Annual Review hearing. The Ministry's spend for the 2019-20 financial year is publicly available (refer to question 68) on Parliament's website at www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCEW_EVI_103989_EW1577/cbd9a83985b139b86fe2763c925a846767075310. Data for the 2020-21 financial year will also be reported at this year's hearing.

You may also be interested to know, Te Kawa Mataaho | Public Service Commission publicly report on contractor and consultancy spend which can be found on their website, <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/our-work/workforce-data/contractors-and-consultants-expenditure/>

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my

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response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Zoe Griffiths', is positioned above the printed name.

Zoe Griffiths
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