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**OIA: 1319344 – Largest external supplier contracts 2018 - 2023**

Thank you for your email of 17 November 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

1. *a) Details of the Largest Contracts: Please provide information on the largest contracts that the Ministry has entered into with external suppliers for each year from 2018 to the present. So a list of top 10 contracts, ranked by financial value for each individual financial year (starting with 2017/18, aka FY2018).*  
*b) Please also include a top 10 list for the entire 2018-2023 period, ranked in terms of total spend of department with that supplier. I request this to ensure that a supplier that has numerous small contracts will also be represented in the response.*  
*c) So a total of six lists please.*
2. *Scope of the Information: For each contract, please include the following details:*
  - Name of the external supplier.
  - The financial value of the contract.
  - The duration of the contract.
  - A brief description of the goods or services provided under the contract.
  - Any other relevant information that provides a comprehensive understanding of the contract's scope and significance.
3. *Format of the Response: I would appreciate if the information could be provided in an Excel spreadsheet, for ease of analysis and accessibility.*

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

In response to **part 1a** of your request, please refer to the Excel spreadsheet attached as **Appendix A** for the Ministry's largest contracts with external suppliers for each financial year from 2018 to 2023. I have interpreted that the contract details you have requested at **part 2** of your request relate to the list of contracts in part 1a of your request. As such, these details have been provided for each contract in Appendix A. A brief description of the relevant goods or services is captured in the contract title column.



Please note that the start and end dates provided are as per the original contract, and do not reflect where projects may have finished early or have been extended.

In response to **part 1b** of your request, please refer to the Excel spreadsheet attached as **Appendix B** for the Ministry's top 10 suppliers for the period 2018 to 2023, based on total contract values.

For further context, I am also providing you with a list of the Ministry's top 10 contracted suppliers each year from 2019, from a spend perspective. This supplementary information is attached at **Appendix C** and provides a more fulsome picture of the Ministry's year by year contractual arrangements. For example, a contract may be entered into in 2018, but the spend may be distributed across 2019 and 2020.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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.team@education.govt.nz](mailto:media.team@education.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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