



5 March 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 4 February 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *I would like to make a request for a list of vendors that have provided data science services to the Ministry of Education in the last three years.*

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

Please note, we have defined the term 'vendors' in your request to refer to companies who have provided data science services to the Ministry to support Ministry operations (e.g. contracting for advanced analytics services).

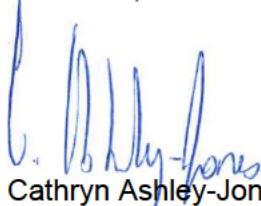
While the Ministry will continue to engage contractors where specialist knowledge and skills are required, we are committed to reducing our reliance on contractors and building more capability within the organisation. As such, internal capability for Data Science Services has been a focus for the Ministry, and therefore we have engaged very few vendors for these services over the last three years.

There are four vendors which have been identified as providing data science services to the Ministry to support Ministry operations over the last three years:

- [GNS Science: Consultancy](#)
- [TextFerret](#)
- [Taylor Fry](#)
- [Motu](#)

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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