



31 October 2019

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Dear Paul

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2019-0246

I refer to your official information request received on 7 October 2019 where you asked:

"how much, in staffing costs, the Official Information Act costs to administer across the public sector. A response to this request could simply include the number of staff employed in ministerial servicing/OIA teams across the sector and the cost to employ them.

I'd also like to request whether or not the SSC has looked at how the OIA could be reformed to ensure it is not burdensome on the taxpayers' dollar."

On 7 October 2019, we advised you that the State Services Commission (SSC) does not hold the information in relation to the number of staff employed and the cost to employ them, across the sector and therefore, you would need to request this information from agencies directly.

On 11 October 2019, we advised you that second part of your request in relation to Official Information Act (OIA) reform has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) as information to which this part of your request relates is more closely connected with the functions of the MOJ.

SSC has a Ministerial Services team that supports SSC in relation to all official correspondence, OIA's and enquires. This team also supports the Minister and their office by processing information requests such as Parliamentary questions and Ministerial correspondence.

The current costs associated with the Ministerial Services team, which is made up of four employees, is \$388,670.

Additional support in relation to information requests and Ministerial correspondence is sometimes provided by other staff throughout SSC, but not as part of their primary roles. As such it is not possible to provide the total cost of administering the Official Information Act alone.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website

Yours sincerely



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