

26 November 2019

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By email: fyi-request-11617-a77f455a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Mr Matches


Official Information Act Request
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your email of 7 November 2019 to the Ministry of Justice, seeking information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). As advised by the Ministry of Justice, your request was transferred to Crown Law.
2. You have requested the following information:
 - 2.1 The amount paid by the Crown to Meredith Connell for services from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
3. Your request refers to “the Crown”. We can only provide you with information about money paid by the Crown Law Office. Various other Crown agencies, including the Police, government departments and Crown entities, will have engaged Meredith Connell for legal services. If you wish to know how much has been paid by those agencies, you will need to make a request to each individual agency; there is no centralised record.
4. With that caveat in mind, the total amount paid by Crown Law to Meredith Connell for invoices dated between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 is \$8,808,036.09 including GST and disbursements. Those fees were paid for the following types of work:

Type of legal services	\$
Civil	190,191.09
Criminal – Crown prosecutions (includes appeals from non-Crown prosecutions)	8,522,245.15
Criminal – Appeals from Crown prosecutions	95,599.85
Total	8,808,036.09

5. You have the right, by way of complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review of our decision on your request for information.

Ngā mihi
Crown Law



Philip Coffey
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