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Paul Roberts

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Dear Paul Roberts

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 23 August 2020 for:

"Concerning the following article

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=15517&d=tZHB38KdAOtfizwvahLuG-ysok5MuB8aCjr9gP766Q&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2estuff%2eco%2enz%2fbusine ss%2f120912415%2fcoronavirus-how-tindall-morgan-and-fyfe-worked-to-ready-country-for-covid19-fight> It reports that Stephen Tindall underwrote the purchase of 50 New Zealand made ventilators at a cost of \$60,000 each. It further states, "I said to the agent, place the order, and you have got my word I will pay for them, if the Government doesn't," Secondly the article also states 7 plane loads of PPE gear was coming.

Would you please clarify;

- 1. Did the Government pay for the 50 ventilators?*
- 2. Did the Government purchase all or a portion of the PPE gear shipped in by the philanthropists mentioned in the article?*
- 3. If the answer is "yes" to questions (1) or (2), then please provide details as to the amounts paid and other information that can be disclosed about these transactions."*

I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

- 1. Did the Government pay for the 50 ventilators?*

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) did not purchase any ventilators from the group mentioned in the article.

- 2. Did the Government purchase all or a portion of the PPE gear shipped in by the philanthropists mentioned in the article?*

The Ministry purchased the personal protective equipment (PPE) mentioned in the article from Zuru and the Warehouse Group. The group undertook their purchases of PPE in late March/early April, with the first planes landing on 5 April 2020. The products were secured by these groups and sold back to the Ministry at cost.

3. If the answer is "yes" to questions (1) or (2), then please provide details as to the amounts paid and other information that can be disclosed about these transactions.

The total unit cost to the Ministry, excluding freight was approximately \$34 million (excluding GST). As requested, the breakdown of these items is listed in the table below.

Table One: PPE Equipment sourced from overseas suppliers		
PPE Equipment	Providers	Units
N95 Mask (or equivalent)	Zuru	50,400
Procedure Mask (or equivalent)	Zuru	2,482,500
Face shield (or equivalent)	Zuru	30,000
Isolation Gown (or equivalent)	Zuru	50,000
Detergent Wipe Packets (or equivalent)	Zuru	139,000
Hand Sanitiser (2L bottle)	Zuru	50,004
Hand Sanitiser (500mL equivalents)	Zuru	200,016
Detergent Wipe Packets (or equivalent)	Zuru	400,008
Goggles (anti mist or equivalent)	Zuru	100,000
Goggles (anti mist or equivalent)	Zuru	650,000
Hand Sanitiser (2L bottle)	Zuru	100,008
Isolation Gown (or equivalent)	Zuru	693,300
Isolation Gown (or equivalent)	Zuru	106,700
Procedure Mask (or equivalent)	Zuru	40,000,000
Isolation Gown (or equivalent)	Zuru	1,299,000
Isolation Gown (or equivalent)	Zuru	1,000,000
N95 Mask (or equivalent)	The Warehouse Group	100,000

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely

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