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Dear Andrew Chen

Thank you for your email of 4 February 2021 requesting information relating to vendors that have provided data science services to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

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

MPI is unable to assuredly filter our list of vendors to verify which vendors have provided this type of service. As we don't categorise vendors in this way, we have searched through our contract management system and accounts payable system using the keywords "data science" and "data scientist". From this search, we have identified the following two vendors that have provided data science services to MPI in the last three years:

- Talent International – provision of a Data Scientist contractor
- Harmonic Aotearoa – provision of Data Science Services.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tina Cornelius'.

Tina Cornelius  
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