

28 March 2014

Mr Andrew Crow
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Dear Mr Crow

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982, and received on 2 March 2014. You requested the following information:

"...the cost of using contractors during 2013.... [For] my request I am talking about people who work for your ministry and not permanent staff. Under the OIA I request the total cost of using contractors from Jan 2013 to Dec 2013".

Information publicly available

Your request for the information pertaining to the period 1 January to 30 June 2013 has been refused, under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as the information is publicly available in the *Inland Revenue Annual Report 2013* (Refer to Figure 34 on Page 146). This publication is available on Inland Revenue's website www.ird.govt.nz.

Information to be withheld

The information pertaining to the period 1 July to 31 December 2013 is withheld in full under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act – the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

This fully covers the information you requested.

If you do not accept our decision to withhold the information, you may make a complaint to the office of the Ombudsman and ask that the decision be investigated and reviewed. The office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10152, The Terrace, Wellington 6143.

Alternatively, you may have the decision reviewed by a review officer who reports directly to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. Choosing the internal right of review does not preclude you from subsequently seeking a review by the Ombudsman should you be dissatisfied with Inland Revenue's review. If an internal review is sought, please write to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, PO Box 2198, Wellington 6140, setting out the details of your complaint.

Yours sincerely



Giles Southwell
Chief Financial Officer