

22 June 2023

By email to: fyi-request-20166-e6ed4bc2@requests.fyi.org.nz

Attention: Darren Edward

Request for information about investigations into Baycorp (CON0011696)

We refer to your email to the Serious Fraud Office (the **SFO**) dated 24 May 2023, in which you requested the following information:

“I would like to know if Baycorp has ever been investigated for serious fraud.”

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (**OIA**) and the Serious Fraud Office Act 1990 (**SFO Act**).

Decision

We have interpreted your request as asking for any information relating to an SFO investigation of Baycorp for serious fraud offending.

We note that, although more specific in nature, this request is essentially a repeat of your request of 7 August 2022, when you asked whether any debt collections agencies had ever been investigated by the SFO.

We reiterate our response of 2 September 2022 and confirm that the SFO does not hold the information requested. Accordingly, we refuse your request on the grounds that the requested information does not exist, pursuant to s 18(e) of the OIA.

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 it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where there is a broader public interest. Our response to your request may be published at sfo.govt.nz, with any personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kylie Cooper', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kylie Cooper
Acting General Counsel