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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2022 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information regarding Corrections' engagement with Rudge Consulting Limited. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- 1. Since 2018, have you procured any services from Rudge Consulting Ltd?.*
- 2. If so, what was the hourly rate you paid to Rudge Consulting Ltd?*
- 3. Since first procuring the services of Rudge Consulting Ltd., how much have you paid in total to Rudge Consulting Ltd.?*
- 4. What has been delivered as a result of the procurement of services from Rudge Consulting Ltd.?*

Corrections has not entered into any contracts with Rudge Consulting, nor have we directly contracted them for the provision of any services. However, Corrections has contracted Worklife Group Limited, and we are aware they have sub-contracted Rudge Consulting. The contract with Worklife was substantially to backfill an established role that was vacant in the Strategic Asset Management team and associated handover with the transition to the permanent staff member once recruited.

As we have not made any direct payments to Rudge Consulting Ltd, your request for *'the hourly rate you paid to Rudge Consulting Ltd'* and *'Since first procuring the services of Rudge Consulting Ltd., how much have you paid in total to Rudge Consulting Ltd'* is refused in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it.

As per Section 18B we have considered whether consulting with you would enable the request to be made in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal. However, we do not consider that the request can be refined in this instance as your request is specific, but the information does not exist.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. 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.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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