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Via Email: [fyi-request-20645-ba07c1e5@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-20645-ba07c1e5@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear JS

**Request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)**

We refer to your information request received 6 October 2022. A copy of your request is set out below:

*"In lieu of that, can you please provide any correspondence (including electronic mail) between the contractors and Otago Regional Council staff between 1 June 2022 and 1 October 2022?"*

*If the scope of that request is too large then please reduce the scope to only include correspondence that references 'drivers', 'staff', 'staff shortages', 'recruitment', 'schedule(s)', 'service reductions'."*

We consulted with you by writing to you on 11 October 2022 advising that a search of ORC's email database had been undertaken which identified 1,648 emails as within scope. As your request was currently framed, it would have been very difficult to meet without substantial collation or research and we proposed you may wish to consider narrowing the scope of correspondence by amending or clarifying your request.

As we did not hear from you by the due date (14 October), we are refusing your request under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, which applies where the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Official Information Team  
**Otago Regional Council**