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Tēnā koe J Bruning

Official Information Act (OIA) request: Small and medium sized businesses

On 10 March 2023, you contacted Stats NZ requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please supply all advice, memos and reports provided to senior government officials and Members of Parliament, inclusive of Cabinet, on the status of small and medium sized business in Aotearoa New Zealand from 2018 to March 2023.

This includes analyses of financial health, sales revenues, insolvency and involuntary closure (including bankruptcy).

If this is in those reports, status by sector, agricultural, commercial, trades, manufacturing or approximate.

Stats NZ has not provided any advice, memos or reports to senior government officials, or Members of Parliament, on the status of small and medium sized business in Aotearoa from 2018 to March 2023. Your request for this information is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Stats NZ does publish information on the activity and performance of businesses in New Zealand on our website [here](#). You may be interested in the following in particular:

- The [Annual enterprise survey](#) statistics measure the financial performance and position of businesses operating in New Zealand.
- The [Business financial data](#) gives quarterly information on sales, purchases, salaries and wages, and operating profit for a wide range of industries in the New Zealand economy.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi nui, nā



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