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Mr Shane Gibson  
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Tēnā koe Mr Gibson

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information relating to the annual spend for all suppliers. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

*An extract of the annual amount spent with all suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year in an open format, csv or json formats would be suitable.*

*I would like the following details provided:*

- *Supplier Name*
- *Suppliers NZBN number (if available)*
- *Total Amount Spent*

Oranga Tamariki does not hold the information you have requested in a format that is accessible electronically and would require staff to manually search through data, which would require significant time and resource and would take staff away from operational priorities. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the Act, however we do not believe this would have allowed us to find, collate and provide the information you have requested. We also considered consulting with you, as required by section 18B of the Act, however we do not believe this would have resulted in us being able to meet your request.

While I am refusing your request, I wish to inform you of information already publicly available that may be of interest to you. As part of the Annual Review process, Oranga Tamariki publishes the amount spent for all contractors and consultants. I refer you to the 2021/22 Annual Review of Oranga Tamariki, in particular the responses to Question 21 (page 53) and Question 68 (page 117), the New Zealand Parliament website [here](#).

I trust this information is helpful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about the response with [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Cassandra Anderson  
**Deputy Chief Executive**  
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