



**WELLINGTON**

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Ref: OIA 23-187

Mr Shane Gibson  
Via the FYI website

By email: [fyi-request-22736-c2d581e4@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-22736-c2d581e4@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Mr Gibson

**Request for information under the Official Information Act**

Thank you for your email dated 9 May 2023, to New Zealand Customs Service (Customs), received via the FYI website, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"I would like an extract of the annual amount spent with all suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year.*

*I would like this data 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*

*Please provide the GST Exclusive amount spent."*

In response to your request for the amount spent by Customs with suppliers, please find attached a document titled '*Appendix one - amount spent with all suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year*' which provides you with an extract of the annual amount spent by Customs with all suppliers for the 2021/22 financial year.

Due to the level of substantial collation and research that would be required to identify any supplier's details that may need to be withheld due to the commercial sensitivity of the information, Customs has provided the response to you broken into the following three categories to avoid refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act:

- Suppliers that have been paid over \$1m in the 2021/22 financial year:
  - Supplier names
  - INBZ Number (if available)

- Total amount spent for range (GST exclusive)
- Suppliers that have been paid between \$0.500 million and \$1 million in the 2021/22 financial year:
  - Supplier names
  - INBZ Number (if available)
  - Total amount spent for range (GST exclusive)
- Suppliers that have been paid between \$0.100 million and \$0.500 million in the 2021/22 financial year:
  - Supplier names
  - INBZ Number (if available)
  - Total amount spent for range (GST exclusive)
- Suppliers that have been paid under \$100,000 in the 2021/22 financial year:
  - Supplier names
  - INBZ Number (if available)
  - Total amount spent for range (GST exclusive).

Please note that the information in the attached document excludes employee expense claims and payments for Customs MasterCard transactions, as these are not considered direct 'suppliers'.

Some information in the attached document has been withheld under section 6(a) of the Act, where making available the information would be likely to prejudice New Zealand's defence, security or international relations, and section 6(c) of the Act, where making available the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

You have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz), or you can phone 0800 802 602.

If you have any queries in relation to this response, please contact the Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing team at: [OIA@customs.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@customs.govt.nz).

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Please note that Customs proactively releases responses to Official Information Act requests on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after we have sent it to you. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Nā māua noa, nā

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Greg Hanlen  
**Chief Financial Officer**