



7 June 2023

Mr Shane Gibson

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Dear Shane

Official Information Act 1982 (“Act”) request for:

Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited Accounts Payable Summary 2021/2022

We refer to your official information request dated 9 May 2023 for the annual amount spent by Airways with its suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year.

We have decided to grant your request in part. Please find **enclosed** a list of Airways suppliers for the period requested.

Redactions have been applied for the following reasons:

- 1) Airways provides air traffic control services for a large area of the South Pacific and for New Zealand for which the security of our air traffic systems are paramount. The supplier security services and software enables Airways to provide uninterrupted safe air traffic management for the safety of aircraft and for the travelling public. We have redacted the suppliers associated with the security of these Airways systems. (in accordance with Section 6(a) and 6(d) of the Act);
- 2) Airways, as a State Owned Enterprise, is required to engage suppliers on a commercially competitive basis. Disclosing the amounts spent on each supplier would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of both Airways and the suppliers (in accordance with Section 9 (2)(b)(ii) of the Act); and
- 3) Airways is required to protect the privacy of natural persons engaged as suppliers and the supplier list has had personal names redacted where appropriate (in accordance with Section 9(2)(a) of the Act).

Additional Airways financial and operational information can be view in Airways’ annual report for the period requested. The information can be viewed online at: [Airways-Integrated-Annual-Report-2021-2022-FINAL.pdf](#).

You have also requested the supplier NZBN numbers. This information is publicly available at the New Zealand Companies Office website: [New Zealand Companies Register \(companiesoffice.govt.nz\)](#).

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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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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