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Ref: OIA 2223-2596

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Tēnā koe Nathan

I refer to your email of 9 May 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *A breakdown of all costs associated with the development, implementation, marketing, advertising and support of EInvoicing in NZ to date.*
2. *The number of registered businesses in NZ*
3. *The number of businesses that have registered to use/send/receive E Invoice[s]*

Clarification sought

Question 2 of your request – number of registered businesses

We have interpreted the second aspect of your request as referring to operating businesses in New Zealand – could you please confirm that that is what you meant?

If that is your intended definition, then we believe that you may find the answer on www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/new-zealand-business-demography-statistics-at-february-2022/.

Our advice to you on our data collation parameters

Our response data will be accurate as at 30 April 2023

Question 1 of your request – invoicing cost breakdown

- Please note that staff are currently identifying a breakdown of costs associated with invoicing. We suspect that, when the breakdown is being finalised, it may not be possible (or it may be difficult) to align the costs/filtering in our finance system with the exact categories you have specified in your request. We will communicate the parameters of our breakdown clearly to you in our response.

Question 3 of your request – number of businesses registered

- We can provide you with the number of business that are registered to **receive** eInvoices.
 - This is because that is the only registration data we ask of businesses.
- We will therefore not be able to provide you with the number of business that have registered to use or send eInvoices.

If you are able to provide these clarifications to us on or **by Wednesday 24 May 2023**, that would be ideal. If we do not hear from you by then, we will proceed with the most obvious interpretation of your request.

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 freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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