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Dear John Luke,

**OIA 22-23-60: Innovators to explore global potential through aquaculture launchpad**

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2023 to New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE), making a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the following information:

*I noted, <https://www.nzte.govt.nz/blog/innovators-to-explore-global-potential-through-aquaculture-launchpad>*

*"through a launchpad programme delivered by Hatch Innovation Services in partnership with NZTE." May I kindly request the full copy of partnership agreement between NZTE and Hatch Innovation Services.*

*"The final cohort was chosen after an open call for applications which closed on 22 April, with applicants assessed jointly by Hatch and NZTE." May I ask how did you assess the application and who is on NZTE's assessment panel. Please provide the name of assessor from NZTE's side and their bio please.*

Answers to your questions are as follows.

1. *May I kindly request the full copy of the partnership agreement between NZTE and Hatch Innovation Services*

Please find the Hatch Innovation Services Contract attached as Appendix One.

Please note, the full copy of the Hatch Innovation Services Contract has been withheld under the following sections, s(9)(2)(b)(ii) would likely prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, s(9)(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

2. *May I ask how did you assess the application*

Applications were individually assessed by the panel using the scoring matrix attached in Appendix Two. The scores were an input into the decision and the panel met to review the results. Every company was assessed in relation to fit for this specific programme.

3. *Please provide the name of assessor from NZTE's side and their bio please.*

The following were on the assessment panel from the NZTE side.

- Sarah Hindle- Strategic Lead, Agritech ITP
- Simon Hearsey- Trade Commissioner, Berlin
- Megan Huddleston- International Partnerships Manager, Agritech ITP

NZTE are unable to provide these bios as this information is not held therefore are refusing this part of the request under s(18)(g) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz) or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B Mahar', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brendan Mahar  
**Acting Director – Board & Ministerial**