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Tēnā koe Charles Finley

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Based on all the news about pwc in Australia, I am wondering how much is spent with them by all agencies through the all of government contracts. I can't find this on you website as was expected.*

*It got me thinking that it would be good to see all consultant spend by all agencies and what kind of thing they are doing, which you must monitor through the contracts you have. I also think you must actually have all spend through all of the all of government contracts and other contracts listed on you website on the contract page.*

*Please can you publish or show me where this is published and what you do with it? I expect there are plans which would make good reading for tax payer.*

In response to your questions, MBIE can provide the following:

PwC NZ (PwC) is a provider to the All-of-Government Consultancy Services, Property Consulting Services and Construction Consulting Services contracts, which are administered by New Zealand Government Procurement (NZGP), a branch of MBIE. Other work PwC may be doing for the government outside of these contracts is not overseen by NZGP and is not captured here.

Table 1 details the government spend with PwC through the All-of-Government (AoG) Consultancy Services Panel. The information provided in this table is aggregated spend data between 2015-2022 fiscal years. MBIE was not responsible for administering this contractual framework prior to 6 November 2015, hence MBIE has no data prior to this date. Spend by agencies purchasing services outside the scope of the contract, or by agencies not signed up to the contract at the time of purchase (noting more agencies have joined the contract over time), will not be captured in this data.

<b>PwC NZ</b>	<b>Total contract spend</b>
FY15/16	\$ 64,403.14
FY16/17	\$ 791,612.35
FY17/18	\$ 1,629,362.53
FY18/19	\$ 10,378,013.55
FY19/20	\$ 23,242,737.58
FY20/21	\$ 30,611,009.65
FY21/22	\$ 36,544,566.57

FY22/23	\$ 26,401,405.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 129,663,110.90</b>
<b>Contract sub-categories</b>	
Accounting	\$ 37,109,045.35
Assurance	\$ 2,268,427.34
Audit	\$ 3,857,094.74
Business and Finance	\$ 60,709,287.80
Business Change	\$ 2,162,571.09
Finance and Economics	\$ 9,042,374.16
Human Resource	\$ 2,327,356.65
Operations Management and Risk	\$ 3,473,523.12
Policy Research and Development	\$ 5,488,928.49
Procurement and Logistics	\$ 1,376,290.69
Taxation	\$ 1,848,211.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 129,663,110.90</b>

*Table 1 – PwC All-of-Government Consultancy Services Contract spend by fiscal year and subcategory of the contract life-time.*

Table 2 details government spend with PwC through the AoG Property Consultancy Services contract.

<b>PwC NZ</b>	<b>Total contract spend</b>
FY17/18	\$ 25,073
FY18/19	\$ 354,579
FY19/20	\$ 5,000
FY20/21	\$ 254,438
FY21/22	\$ 305,797
FY22/23	\$ 77,006
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,892</b>
<b>Contract sub-categories</b>	
Property Advisory	\$ 995,543
Property Planning	\$ 26,349
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,892</b>

*Table 2 – PwC Common Capability Property Consultancy Services Contract spend by fiscal year and subcategory of the contract life time.*

At this point, PwC has not provided services to any agencies within the scope of the Construction Consultancy agreement, so there is no spend to report for this contract.

With reference to your question about consultancy spend generally by agencies, we direct you to Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's reports on public service workforce composition, which include contractor and consultant expenditure. Here is link to this information:

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/public-service-workforce-composition-march-2023-quarter/>

Note that the Public Service Commission data is restricted to spend only. There is no centrally-held data on the types of services contractors and consultants deliver for government departments. Individual agencies are responsible for their own operational procurement decisions and data records.

In response to the last part of your enquiry, data and transparency is a key focus area of NZGP's Procurement for the Future Programme. There is more information about our plans for data transparency on our website: <https://www.procurement.govt.nz/procurement-for-the-future/data-and-systems/>. We suggest you monitor our website for ongoing updates on our plans in this area.

I trust you find the information helpful. 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sherborne', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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