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Tēnā koe, John,

**Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): Compensation/spending policies**

Thank you for your request made via email dated 4 December 2023 in which you requested the following:

*"May I kindly request a copy of your procurement policy and procedure. How did you select law firm Luke, Cunningham and Clere to do the review. Can you please provide your procurement process within this external review round"*

We have considered your request under the OIA.

**Information being released**

We attach REA's Procurement Policy which captures the policy and procedure requirements. REA does not have a separate procedure document. Our Policy has been developed in line with and refers to the Government Procurement Rules. This Policy is currently being reviewed and may be updated once that review is complete.

With regards your question as to how REA selected law firm Luke Cunningham and Clere to undertake the external review in 2023, I can confirm that the REA uses the All-of-Government External Legal Services Panel, which provides us with access to 30 providers with a variety of areas of speciality.

REA selects legal providers from the panel based on the expertise and the nature of the work required.

In 2023 Luke, Cunningham, and Clere was selected from the panel in accordance with clause 14 of our Procurement Policy based on their expertise in both the REA regulatory context and experience with a number of other conduct regulation regimes.

**Next steps**

I trust this letter addresses your question. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please contact me by email at [legal@rea.govt.nz](mailto:legal@rea.govt.nz).

Nāku iti noa, nā



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