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Tēnā koe Charles Finley

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2024, requesting information about whether the Ministry has used contractors, consultants or other services to fill gaps as a result of accepting voluntary redundancy applications in the last six months.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As you may be aware, the Ministry recently accepted 218 applications for voluntary redundancy. You can read more about the process on our website, here: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2024/voluntary-redundancies-confirmed.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2024/voluntary-redundancies-confirmed.html).

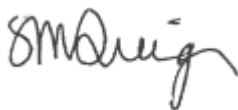
This is the only voluntary redundancy process undertaken by the Ministry in the last six months. As such, your request for information about contractors, consultants or other services engaged as a result of voluntary redundancy is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

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