



28 January 2025

Tēnā koe Mrs W. Forest,

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2024, requesting a copy of the Ministry's active suppliers list with name, NZBN and current financial year expenditure to date of request.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision set out below.

Please note that the Ministry has a full list of registered suppliers numbering over 90,000 but is unable to ascertain how many of these suppliers are currently active. Therefore, I have provided a list of suppliers who have received a payment for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024 in the attached **Appendix**.

You will note that some supplier names are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

I am refusing your request for the New Zealand Business Number of Ministry suppliers under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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.

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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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