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Mr Alex Harris

Via Email: fyi-request-3554-e22c0d91@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Harris

We have received your emailed request, made under the provisions of the Official Information Act (the Act), seeking:

“All advice on the creation of this new policy (charges for providing information in response to OIA requests); and a copy of the old policy, or if it was never formally documented, a summary of the ways in which the new policy differs from the old”.

Subject to the provisions of the Act, you will be notified of the outcome of your request as soon as practicable, but not later than 20 working days after the date of receipt.

The Reserve Bank is resourced to meet disclosure obligations for a reasonable level of Official Information requests and generally will not impose charges for small, simple or infrequent requests. However, the Act allows us to charge for preparing information provided in response to requests and the Reserve Bank believes that requesters should bear some of the costs when requests are made for very large amounts of information, where a response to a request is particularly complex, or where individuals or organisations make very frequent requests.

If our initial assessment of your request finds that the work involved in responding to your request is likely to be chargeable, then the Reserve Bank will contact you to discuss refining the request to a smaller scale or scope that is less likely to involve charges. Further information is available on our website, here www.rbnz.govt.nz/research_and_publications/official_information/.

Yours sincerely

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