

20 April 2016

Mr Peter McCall
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Dear Mr McCall

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 March 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 ("OIA").

You asked for a copy of the final signed contract for the following study that was tendered by PHARMAC through the Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS):

- 'Supply of Quantitative Research and Analysis Services' RFX ID: 15051734

Please find attached the document you requested. We have redacted some information from the contract in accordance with the OIA as we consider this necessary to:

- (under 9(2)a): "protect the privacy of natural persons";
- (under 9(2)(b)(ii)): "protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information"; and
- (under 9(2)(ba)(i)): "protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence...where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied".

As required under the OIA, we considered whether the public interest in releasing the redacted information outweighs the reasons for withholding it (as identified above). We did not consider this to be the case in this instance.

Please note you have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the OIA to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of our decision.

We hope that this information is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us again should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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