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Dear Ms Beauchamp

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2016 to the Ministry of Education, in which you requested the following information:

- *A list of any reports prepared specifically for the Ministry of Education in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 provided by the following firms KPMG, Ernst & Young, Pricewaterhousecoopers, Deloitte, McKinsey, or Boston Consulting Group.*
- *I request that the list of reports contain the name of the report, a short summary of the purpose of the report, and total cost incurred by the Ministry in commissioning the report.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Information about contracts held before 2012 is stored in databases that the Ministry no longer uses, and from which it would be difficult to extract information without significant use of additional resources. Our current contracts database, implemented in 2012, does not indicate whether, or when, contracts with the Ministry resulted in reports, and to find the information would involve lengthy consultation with individual business units, as well as with present and former employees.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, because providing the information would involve substantial collation and research.

Given the resources that would be needed for this work, I believe that charging you, or extending the due date, would not enable us to respond more effectively.

Thank you again for your request. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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