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Dear James

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Requests for information

We refer to your emails of 29 September 2016, 3 October 2016, and 5 October 2016 in which you requested certain information under the Official Information Act 1982 (“Act”), which we list below:

1. Management accounts and financial statements for NIWA’s subsidiary Unidata Pty Ltd for the last 7 years.
2. A copy of NIWA’s Procurement Manual and Procurement Policy.
3. Department level financial statements for the Instrument Systems Group within NIWA for the last 3 financial years.
4. The total revenue from the Instrument Systems Group that was ultimately derived from any Government grant or funding source for each of the last 3 financial years. This includes, but is not limited to, the revenue derived from the provision of products and services to other departments within NIWA, or any other NZ State sector organisation, for projects that were funded by MBIE or any other Government funding sources.

We have considered your requests and have decided to refuse your requests in accordance with section 18 of the Act for the following reasons:

Request 1

Request 1 is refused on the basis of section 9(2)(b)(ii) and section 9(2)(i) of the Act.

Request 2

Request 2 is refused on the basis of section 9(2)(i) of the Act. We can however advise that as a Crown Research Institute NIWA is required to have regard to the Government Rules of Sourcing in our procurement activities. See www.procurement.govt.nz for further details.

Request 3

Request 3 is refused on the basis of section 9(2)(i) of the Act.

Request 4

Request 4 is refused on the basis of section 9(2)(i) of the Act.

Please note that under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to complain to an Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review of this refusal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Watson'.

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