

19 December 2016

By email: [fyi-request-4976-9e11684e@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-4976-9e11684e@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear IP Expert,

In response to your Official Information Act (OIA) request of 17 November 2016 please see below for our responses to your request.

**1) What involvement (if any) has AJP had in the redesign of the current or previous iterations of the Innovation IP Programme or applications for these Programmes?**

No involvement.

**2) Did AJP attempt to influence the selection criteria of the current or previous iterations of the Innovation IP Programme or applications for these Programmes?**

No.

**3) Has there been any communication between CI and AJP with regards to current or previous iterations of the Innovation IP Programme or applications for these Programmes, or other intellectual property initiatives?**

On 10 November 2015, A J Park invited Callaghan Innovation to hear about some work that they had been doing to develop tools to help raise the awareness of New Zealand businesses about intellectual property and the businesses need to approach the topic strategically. This was work that A J Park were proceeding with irrespective of the fact that they were not Innovation IP providers. A J Park were interested in knowing about the status of the pilot Innovation IP programme. At the time of the meeting A J Park were not service providers to the pilot Innovation IP programme that was still underway but were interested in hearing about what was happening with the programme in future. They had previously indicated that they were still interested in the programme but Callaghan Innovation could not give any substantive answers to their questions as the pilot programme had not been evaluated and no decisions made about its future.

**4) Has there been any communication relating to the appointment of AJP as the primary or sole provider of any intellectual property services, specifically including but not limited to Innovation IP?**

No.

**5) Are there any relationships between AJP & CI, or between AJP & CI staff that would give rise to a real or perceived conflict of interest with regards to the selection criteria, application or format of current or previous iterations of the Innovation IP Programme?**

The current Programme Manager for Innovation IP previously held the role of Intellectual Property Manager for Callaghan Innovation and before that for its predecessor organisation Industrial Research Limited (IRL). A J Park was, and continues to be, a provider of IP registration and other related services to IRL and Callaghan Innovation respectively with the Programme Manager no longer responsible for this area of Callaghan Innovation's operations.

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The procurement of services to support the Innovation IP Programme are handled corporately to manage any potential conflicts of interest -real or perceived - arising from staff relationships from previous work associations. Callaghan Innovation does not believe that there is any conflict of interest arising from a current or previous relationship between AJP and Callaghan Innovation staff in relation to the Innovation IP Programme.

You have the right to request a review of this response, by the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting 0800 802 602. Please contact [ministerialservices@callaghaninnovation.govt.nz](mailto:ministerialservices@callaghaninnovation.govt.nz) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wayne Mulligan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Mulligan

**GM Maori Economy and Business Services**