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Dear AJ

Thank you for your email of 7 December 2016 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *In the past year, how many successful procurements were made through gets.govt.nz*
2. *Of those successful procurements, how many were won by a supplier who asked 0 questions through gets.govt.nz (I understand this is where all questions regarding the tender should be raised; if this is not the case, please provide details to the effect that no questions were asked via any legitimate communication channel).*

We have interpreted your request for successful procurements as being ones which are posted as an opportunity on the Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS) and awarded as an opportunity on GETS. Therefore, this data only includes tender awards that were posted on GETS. Even if a tender is started on GETS it can be completed outside GETS, and the tender notification posted on an agency's website. Therefore such tenders are not included in the figures below.

In addition, this data only relates to Request for Proposals, Request for Tenders and Request for Quotations.

Question 1

There were 935 tenders (Request for Proposal, Request for Tender and Request for Quotation) awarded on GETS between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016. The number of successful suppliers across those tenders totalled 1,204.

Question 2

Please find information in response to this question in the tables below:

RFx (Request for Proposal, Request for Tender, Request for Quotation) Specific	
No questions asked and awarded	308
Questions asked and awarded	627

Please also note that some tenders are awarded to suppliers who did not respond through GETS and the award notice is therefore manually added into GETS for this supplier. These particular awards are recorded through an open text field, and are not accounted for in the above figures, as the collated data cannot match these awards to actual suppliers. Therefore, parts of your request to provide information where this occurs is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. To provide this information would require every tender to be examined individually.

Supplier Specific	
Awarded supplier asked a question	861
Awarded supplier did not ask question	343

Please note that GETS is not the only avenue to ask questions regarding an RFx. Suppliers can contact an agency directly. The Ministry would not hold questions asked via alternative avenues unless an agency loaded the question and their response into the GETS system. An example of a situation where an agency may not load such information is when the question or response contains information that is commercially sensitive. Therefore parts of your request to provide information where this occurs is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as *that the information requested is not held by the department and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or...connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or other government organisation.*

If an answer is loaded into GETS, it can be available for all subscribers to see. Therefore a supplier may not need to ask a question if their query had already been asked by another subscriber.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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