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Dear M Vickers

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 7 February 2017. You requested the following:

1. Confirmation of the Total number of GST Registered businesses in NZ including (2)
2. Number of businesses/entities GST registered in NZ that are not resident in NZ
3. Character of those businesses/entities (eg SME, Individual, Non-profit, corporate)
4. Residency of those businesses (eg Australia, Indonesia, Singapore etc)

I am specifically interested in 2016 but having the information for the last five tax years would be helpful.

The information you have requested is provided below.

Table 1: Total number of GST registered businesses in New Zealand by year

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
NZ resident	628,390	623,685	619,022	614,462	610,583	612,917
Non-NZ resident	4,819	4,942	4,913	4,956	4,850	4,746
Unknown	7,117	6,913	6,759	6,721	5,569	4,873
Total	640,326	635,540	630,694	626,139	621,002	622,536

Base: All GST-registered business in New Zealand as at 30 June of the tax year

Table2: Entity type of Non-New Zealand resident GST-registered businesses by year

Overseas Residency	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Company	1,662	34	1,695	34	1,691	34	1,738	35	1,755	36	1,701	36
Individual	2,408	50	2,543	51	2,529	51	2,492	50	2,369	49	2,339	49
Partnership	582	12	523	11	520	11	538	11	526	11	500	11
Trust	108	2	117	2	111	2	117	2	116	2	112	2
Other	59	1	64	1	62	1	71	1	84	2	94	2
Total	4,819	100	4,942	100	4,913	100	4,956	100	4,850	100	4,746	100

Base: All GST-registered businesses that are non-New Zealand resident as at 30 June of the tax year
Percentage totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Table 3: Residency of non-New Zealand resident GST-registered businesses by year

Overseas Residency	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Australia	1,560	52	1,612	53	1,542	52	1,586	52	1,589	54	1,594	55
Singapore	415	14	380	12	391	13	391	13	372	13	343	12
USA	199	7	189	6	184	6	174	6	148	5	154	5
United Kingdom	165	5	181	6	172	6	160	5	142	5	144	5
Malaysia	133	4	98	3	98	3	121	4	114	4	109	4
Other	538	19	584	19	572	19	600	20	592	20	559	19
All businesses	3,010	100	3,044	100	2,959	100	3,032	100	2,957	100	2,903	100

Base: All GST-registered businesses that are non-New Zealand resident and have overseas addresses as at 30 June of the tax year. Percentage totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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Thank you for your request. I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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