



File No. 1617-1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095 and 1096

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Ms Nicola Wolley

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Dear Ms Wolley

Thank you for your emails of 14 March 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please provide a copy of all advice and correspondence between Opus International Consultants and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the contract for services Amendments to Protection from Fire Supporting Documents, signed by Adrian Regnault on 6 November 2013, and Mike Dunn on 11 November 2013.*
- *Please provide a copy of all advice and correspondence between Holmes Fire LP and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the contract for services Amendments to Protection from Fire Supporting Documents, signed by Adrian Regnault on 6 November 2013, and Martin Feeney on 12 November 2013.*
- *Please provide a copy of all advice and correspondence between Macdonald Barnett Partners Limited and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the contract for services Amendments to Protection from Fire Supporting Documents, signed by Adrian Regnault on 6 November 2013, and Michael Simpson on 8 November 2013.*
- *Please provide a copy of all advice and correspondence between Civil Engineering University of Canterbury and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the contract for services Amendments to Protection from Fire Supporting Documents, signed by Adrian Regnault on 6 November 2013, and Nigel Johnson on 27 November 2013.*
- *Please provide a copy of all advice and correspondence between OnFire Consulting Ltd and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the Variation 1 to Contract, signed by Andrew Crisp on 8 November 2013, and Debbie Scott on 8 November 2013.*
- *Please provide a copy of all advice and correspondence between BRANZ Ltd and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the Variation 1 to Contract, signed by Adrian Regnault on 6 November 2013, and Paul Shortis on 18 November 2013.*

The Act provides proper access, by eligible requestors, to official information and operates a principle of availability, in that, "except where the Act expressly requires.....the information shall be made available unless there is good reason for withholding it."

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) would like to confirm your eligibility to make a request under the Act. As you may be aware, to be eligible, a requestor must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident;
- a person in New Zealand; or
- a corporate entity (that is, a company or an incorporated society) which is either incorporated in New Zealand or has a place of business here.

The Ministry invites you to provide confirmation of your eligibility, such as a scan of your passport (evidence of citizenship) or an utility bill (evidence of residency), to [oiia@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:oiia@mbie.govt.nz), where your personal information will be kept confidential and handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

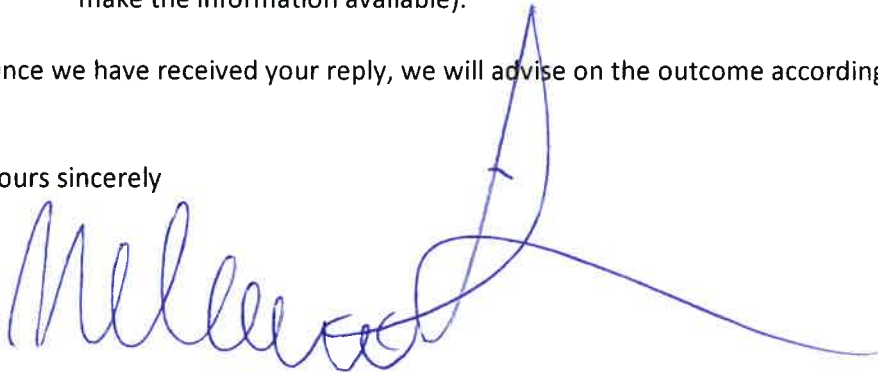
In the interim, the Ministry has begun scoping your request, which, as it stands, covers a significant number of emails. Specifically, approximately 7,869 emails are within the scope of your combined requests. In order for the Ministry to be able to reply to your request in a timely manner consistent with our obligations under the Act, we ask that you confirm as soon as possible, but by close of business on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at the latest, whether you are prepared to refine the scope of your requests. For example, if you are able to provide specific topics that can be used as search terms, this may assist in reducing the number of documents within scope.

Depending on your response, we may either:

- Extend the timeframe for processing the request; and/or
- Consider charging for processing this request; or
- Consider refusing the request under s18(f) of the Act (due to substantial collation required to make the information available).

Once we have received your reply, we will advise on the outcome accordingly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Smith', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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