



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

10 APR 2017

Ms Nicola Wolley

fyi-request-5536-f18addc6@requests.fyi.org.nz

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.*

On 17 March 2017, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) asked you to refine the scope of your requests as approximately 7,869 emails were found within scope. The Ministry also asked for you to provide confirmation of your eligibility to make a request under the Act.

No response was received so, on 23 March 2017, the Ministry emailed you and provided an extension of time. To date, no response to refine your requests has been received from you.

As it stands, your request would involve collating a substantial amount of information, of which a considerable amount appears to be within scope. As stated, an initial investigation presented approximately 7,869 emails.

On this basis, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In reaching this decision, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A(1) of Act. However, I did not consider that taking any of these steps would allow the request to be answered. Under section 18B of the Act, the Ministry has invited you to amend your request such that section 18(f) does not apply. If you are able to clarify and refine your request, or require assistance with forming your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry via <https://fyi.org.nz/>, or at oia@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The relevant contact details are:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10 162
WELLINGTON 6143

0800 802 602
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

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

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