

Ref: OTK/044

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**Alex Harris** 

Via Email only: fyi-request-5725-e350d000@requests.fyi.org.nz

Re: OTK 044 - re Conflict of Interest

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 12 April 2017.

You requested the following information:

- 1. the number of staff currently being investigated for conflicts of interest; and
- 2. the number of staff investigated in the past 12 months for conflicts of interest.

No staff are currently being investigated for conflicts of interest.

Two staff members, Gerard Gallagher and Simon Nikoloff, were investigated for conflict of interest matters in the last 12 months. Mr Gallagher and Mr Nikoloff left their positions at Ōtākaro Limited on 7 March 2017 and 10 April 2017, respectively.

I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

**Albert Brantley** 

**Chief Executive Officer**