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Mr Rex Landy fyi-request-8161-459a754a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Landy

On 30 June 2018 you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, "a copy of all the correspondence entered into with Thompson and Clark and MSD in the pursuit of their business between 2013-2018".

I can advise you that the Ministry has not contracted with Thompson and Clark between 2013 and 2018. However, enclosed is one email that has been identified in which Thompson and Clark registered their interest in the Ministry's Assurance Services tender. The Ministry did not receive a response to the tender from Thompson and Clark.

You will note that the names and contact details of some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response concerning correspondence entered into with Thompson and Clarke and the Ministry in the pursuit of their business between 2013 and 2018, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

ours sincerely

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Can you please register our interest in the Assurance Services tender

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