

12 November 2018

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Dear Mr Dench,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act request dated 9 November 2018 for the following:

...the names of companies who have stated their BICC as the following: C114085, C114080, C114070, C114055, C114065, C114050, C114040, C114020, C114025, and C114030.

Unfortunately, the Statistics Act 1975 and our Business Register release policy prevents us from disclosing individual business names and their classifications. However, if an individual can present a case that the information will be used for producing official statistics of national importance, a request can be put forward to the Government Statistician for consideration.

Further information on the above can be found here - http://archive.stats.govt.nz/about_us/legisln-policies-protocols/business-register.aspx

As such, your request is refused under section 18(c)(i) of the Official Information Act.

For your information, we also consulted with Inland Revenue to see if they would be able to provide you with the material you have requested. They advised that due to the tax secrecy provisions of the Tax Administration Act, they cannot provide information about a taxpayer to a third party unless they have been nominated by that taxpayer. Similarly, they would also have to refuse your request under section 18(c)(i) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this response to your request.

Stats NZ intends to publish its response to your request made under the Act on the Stats NZ website. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Consistent with the Act, publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and helps promote balanced public debate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MAB', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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