

20 May 2024

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By email: s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request, received on 26 April 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) for the following information:

- *“Your organisation’s total spend on contractors and consultants from 1 January 2018 – present, broken down by quarter (including Q1 2024). I hope this information will already be compiled due to the Public Service Commission’s regular reporting of these figures since 2018, as mentioned [here](#). Please further break down that spend by business group (or equivalent organisational unit), with all figures provided in a spreadsheet ...”*

The information you have requested is attached to this letter.

We have defined contractors as an individual who is hired via a third party to provide temporary specialist skills or perform duties that would normally be provided by an existing staff member, either in their normal day-to-day duties, or on a project.

We have defined consultant as a company or an individual where service provision is linked to a defined outcome, typically with remuneration linked to agreed milestones, or deliverables. The Authority’s functions require a material use of consultants to provide specialist skills and technical knowledge that it is not economic to employ on a full-time basis.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing oia@ea.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,



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Contractors by Business Group

Calendar Year quarter	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Period Covered	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019	Jul-Sep 2019	Oct-Dec 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Apr-Jun 2020	Jul-Sep 2020	Oct-Dec 2020	Jan-Mar 2021	Apr-Jun 2021	Jul-Sep 2021	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Apr-Jun 2022	Jul-Sep 2022	Oct-Dec 2022	Jan-Mar 2023	Apr-Jun 2023	Jul-Sep 2023	Oct-Dec 2023	Jan - Mar 2024
Chief Executive																									
Communications and Engagement	11,676	79,150	34,491	734	0	0	14,617	3,909	195,180	243,622	387,871	99,919	7,214	3,200	9,356	56,270	-27,815	59,785	59,063	0	27,034	37,445	2,556		
Corporate and Market Services	0	1,610	21,110	18,320	0	13,674	205,074	138,291	33,412	98,790	302,275	261,209	162,535	81,092	86,609	91,180	73,890	25,470	146,873	80,067	76,395	125,493	237,742	185,049	43,558
Legal, Monitoring and Compliance	0	0					38,847	41,922	54,600	139,250	99,725	176,195	93,440	135,013	174,670	49,725	9,510	35,028	54,116	67,753	148,619	114,040	40,758	29,975	
Market Policy	70,479	128,963	0	94,281	90,830	191,302	261,809	186,435	159,051	214,163	179,733	163,524	49,693	98,731	70,978	89,895	79,513	69,074	64,008	115,473	46,006	201,420	9,459	6,379	5,981
Network Pricing																									
People and Capability																									
Strategy																									
Total	82,155	209,724	115,641	261,802	193,656	456,531	732,932	757,067	757,483	1,033,411	1,188,602	857,445	339,729	497,364	512,695	399,339	321,840	168,348	376,746	412,226	359,525	601,751	425,035	248,211	68,961

Consultants by Business Group

Calendar Year quarter	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
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Chief Executive																									
Communications and Engagement	19,600	19,600					133,000				92,100							1,778						8,232	12,947
Corporate and Market Services	88,886	443,153	39,523	73,738	44,824	54,809	108,828	57,032	116,207	70,824	48,355	83,236	55,500	81,350	17,891	1,050		0	0	17,510				96,667	33,892
Legal, Monitoring and Compliance	48,909	184,570	16,583	51,160	98,147	208,564	112,660	86,106	40,000	82,112	10,738	73,110	49,625	61,383	132,917	125,870	104,014	262,490	122,710	95,606	71,587	78,258	22,902	123,438	25,113
Market Policy	166,390	404,659	178,966	235,989	145,774	146,840	216,824	172,465	192,196	85,900	100,057	281,932	174,362	855,567	34,443	331,607	187,233	315,803	271,201	327,976	426,769	460,462	386,179	298,826	269,066
Network Pricing																									
People and Capability																									
Strategy																									
Total	323,785	1,051,982	275,458	586,195	495,065	821,693	836,140	595,766	486,556	317,028	296,023	586,049	406,421	1,408,090	532,460	936,194	497,806	893,367	751,096	723,496	517,201	767,600	600,774	563,473	358,382

Total spend on Contractors and Consultants by Business Group

Calendar Year quarter	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
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Chief Executive	0	0	0	0	0	0	133,000	3,909	195,180	243,622	479,971	99,919	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,034	37,445	2,556
Communications and Engagement	31,276	98,750	34,491	734	0	0	14,617	46,283	9,323	37,022	81,967	44,916	7,214	3,200	9,356	56,270	-27,815	1,778	59,785	59,063	0	3,220	13,884	12,474	0
Corporate and Market Services	88,886	444,763	60,633	92,058	44,824	68,482	313,901	195,323	149,619	169,614	350,630	344,445	218,034	162,441	104,500	92,230	73,890	25,470	146,873	80,607	76,395	125,493	334,409	218,941	43,558
Legal, Monitoring and Compliance	48,909	184,570	16,583	51,160	98,147	208,564	151,507	128,029	94,600	221,361	110,463	249,305	143,065	196,395	307,587	175,594	113,523	297,517	176,826	163,359	220,206	192,297	63,660	153,413	25,113
Market Policy	236,869	533,622	178,966	330,270	236,604	338,142	478,633	358,900	351,247	300,062	279,790	445,456	224,055	954,297	105,421	421,502	266,746	384,876	335,208	443,449	472,775	661,881	395,637	305,205	275,047
Network Pricing	0	0	100,426	373,775	309,146	663,037	418,765	511,132	382,260	265,662	68,451	157,529	144,523	538,280	465,938	430,198	293,997	170,640	191,156	189,682	60,933	260,165	86,795	94,370	65,499
People and Capability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109,258	61,809	113,095	113,351	8,498	19,853	30,281	13,000	-9,284	35,833	-59	20,569	70,229	99,259	93,978	24,724	18,132
Strategy	0	0	0	0	0	0	58,648	0	0	0	0	93,428	-10,595	20,639	39,355	171,024	63,473	181,493	217,995	178,994	-23,813	0	0	0	0
Total	405,940	1,261,705	391,099	847,997	688,722	1,278,225	1,569,072	1,352,833	1,244,039	1,350,439	1,484,624	1,443,494	746,150	1,905,454	1,045,155	1,337,533	819,647	1,061,715	1,127,842	1,135,722	876,725	1,369,351	1,025,809	811,684	427,343