




Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2019 to the Ministry of Social Development requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- 1. A list of companies and or individuals providing private security and investigation services to your Ministry in the Taranaki, Whanganui and Manawatu regions.*
- 2. A list of the tasks these private security and investigation companies and or individuals undertake.*
- 3. Information regarding the tender and selection process for private security and investigation companies and or individuals.*
- 4. Broad terms for contracts with private security and investigation companies and or individuals (less any commercially sensitive information).*

You have confirmed that you do not want information on guard services that are provided at our client facing sites. I am therefore not including information about guard services in answer to your questions.

The Ministry does not contract any company or individual to provide private security and investigation services in the Taranaki, Whanganui and Manawatu regions. As such, I am unable to provide information in response to questions one, two and four under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

On occasion, the Ministry may contract specific security services for one-off discreet pieces of work where specialist knowledge is required. For example, to undertake penetration testing of an office environment or review the Ministry's security policies.

In response to your third question, the Ministry does not have a tender and selection process for private security and investigation companies and or individuals. The Ministry has policies in place for security consultants which require a specific approval process supported by the Ministry's procurement policy. These policies are based on the Cabinet endorsed 'Procurement Rules' developed by New Zealand Government Procurement and Property (NZGPP). You can find more information about these

procurement rules on the New Zealand Government Procurement website here: <https://www.procurement.govt.nz>.

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 and any attached documents 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 regarding private security and investigation services, 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.

Yours sincerely



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