

22 March 2018



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Official Information Request
Our Ref: 2018/0032

I refer to your official information request received on 1 March 2018 where you have asked:

- *Does SSC have any data on the cost of processing Official Information Act requests across the NZ public sector?*
- *By this I mean, information on how much each government agency subject to the OIA (or LGOIMA) spends to meet their obligations under the Act (staff wages etc).*
- *To be clear, I am not asking for exhaustive figures for every agency - I'm after an average figure, or direction about where I can find this information online. I am aware SSC publishes some OIA statistics on its website, but as far as I can tell this doesn't include the cost of compliance.*

In response to your request, the State Services Commission does not hold any data on the cost for agencies, isolated specifically to processing Official Information Act requests across the NZ Public Sector.

I have decided to refuse your request in full under section 18(g)(i) of OIA, on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the department, and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erik Koed'.

Erik Koed
Assistant Commissioner
State Services Commission