



16 July 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request

Our Ref: SSC2018/0112

I refer to your official information request received on 4 July 2018 for.

"How many times has the Government used Russel McVeagh for legal purposes over the last ten years."

On 9 July 2018, we informed you that the State Services Commission (SSC) does not hold the information you have requested for all government agencies, therefore we would be responding to your request with information related to SSC only.

In response to your request, I can advise that SSC have not used Russel McVeagh for legal purposes over the last ten years. Therefore accordingly we have refused your request in full under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1984, as the information requested does not exist.

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 green ink that reads "Rachel Bruce".

Rachel Bruce
Deputy Commissioner
State Services Commission