

25 November 2025

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act 1982 Request– Professional Services

I refer to your request made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received 30 October 2025:

I wish to receive information of FMA's cost in receiving professional services from the private industry. The time period of interest is the past 10 years (2015 to 2025).

In interpreting 'professional services' - this relates to matters including, but not limited to - (a) legal advice, (b) specialist expert advice, (c) investigation services.

The detail provided should be set out (a) the relevant year, (b) the number of professional or commissioned services received for that year and (c) the total cost incurred for that year.

OIA response

The information that you have requested is provided to Parliament annually through the FMA's Annual Report and annual response to questions from the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee (EDSI).

The notes to Financial Statements in the Annual Report provides you with the total cost of professional services incurred annually for the period from the establishment of the FMA (May 2011) until 30 June 2025. The 2024/25 Annual Report can be found at: <https://www.fma.govt.nz/library/corporate-publications/annual-report/>. At the bottom of this page the archive link will provide you with the annual reports for earlier years.

The answers to supplementary standard estimate questions from the EDSI provides details on the number of services annually. This information is published and can be found on the Parliament Website: <https://www.parliament.nz/>. The following two links will provide information for the previous ten years:

- https://www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/52SCED_EVI_97844_ED3219/88d85f20cc21ed6a972c6c870d8ab03dab0dc314
- https://www3.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCEDSI_EVI_b1b119a8-3c31-4706-82e8-08dcdfb16c3_EDSI7859/c93e7caacc71004e4ba84da1e52719e0c943fd6e

Consequently we have decided to refuse your request for the above periods pursuant to s(18)(d) of the OIA:

that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

Questions

Please let me know if you have any questions about our decision under the Official Information Act. I also note that you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman regarding our assessment of your OIA request, in accordance with section 28 of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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