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Official information request

Our ref: MFR-24OIA005

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your official information request, transferred to the Ministry for Regulation on 11 June 2024. You requested:

1. *What is the Ministry of Regulation's total spend on contractors as at 13 May 2024, itemised by service provided and provider?*
2. *What is the Ministry of Regulation's total budget for contractors for the 2023/24 year?*
3. *What is the Ministry of Regulation's total budget for contractors for the 2024/25 year?*
4. *What is the Ministry of Regulation's total spend on Frank Advice as at 13 May 2024, itemised by service provided?*
5. *What policies, if any, does the Ministry for Regulation have in place for the use of contractors?*

Information released

As the Ministry for Regulation is currently still in a set up phase, a specific budget for the use of contractors has not yet been set for the 2023/24 or 2024/25 years. Your request for this information is therefore refused under section 18(e), as the information does not exist.

While the Ministry does not hold a policy specifically for the use of contractors, approval of contractor expenditure is covered by the Ministry's delegations and procurement policies. Consultation with the Chief Legal Officer is required for contracts over a certain amount, and for those that do not use Ministry or All-of-Government template contracts.

The total amount spent on contractors at 13 May is \$60,834.37. A breakdown of this information is outlined in the below table.

Provider	Service	Cost
[name withheld - s9(2)(a)]	Consultancy Services: Ministry Performance Measures	\$7,200.00
Frank Advice	Short-term support for ECE sector review	\$28,974.38
H2R Consulting	Recruitment Specialist and Principal Advisor backfill	\$24,659.99

Right of review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact hello@regulation.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 details removed) on the Ministry for Regulation website.

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