

29 November 2022

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 17 November 2022, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

This Official Information Act request seeks to gauge the extent of NZQA's engagement with lobbyists and applies to the following firms:

- *Capital Government Relations*
- *Thompson Lewis*
- *Shearson Willis*
- *Draper Cormack*
- *Saunders Unsworth*
- *Cosgrove & Partners Ltd*
- *Barton Deakin*
- *Hawker Britton*
- *Anacta Consulting*

For each of the full calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 (until the date of this email) please provide the following information:

- *All communications, including emails and correspondence, exchanged with representatives of these lobbying firms*
- *The amount of money paid to each firm in each year*
- *The number of meetings, listed by date, between a member of your organisation and any representative of the lobbying firms listed*

I also request the following documents that the listed lobbying firms have provided to your organisation for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 years:

- *All reports, submissions, talking points, advice, memos, briefings, media training materials, preparation material for select committees, crisis management advice, strategic business advice and analysis, advice on regulatory and legislative decisions and political intelligence including information, biographies and profiles of Ministers, MPs and members of the public service.*

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority has not engaged with any of the nine firms listed in your request. We are therefore refusing this request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as we hold no information within the scope of your request.

As part of the commitment to open and transparent government, NZQA is proactively releasing responses to Official Information Act requests which are of public interest. NZQA intends to publish its response to this request with its next quarterly release of documents. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request please contact ministerials@nzqa.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Nāku nā



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