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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2025, requesting the following information from UCOL | Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (UCOL):

Please provide copies of any agreements, contracts, licences, memoranda of understanding, or other formal arrangements between NECTA NZ LIMITED (NZBN: 9429050740246) and either:

- *UCOL, or*
- *The Backhouse Trust*

...relating to occupancy or use of space, offices, or services at The Backhouse (28 Taupo Quay, Whanganui) between 1 January 2022 and the date of this request.

You went on to provide the following notes regarding your request:

Scope Clarification

This request does not seek personal or private information. It is limited to commercial or administrative arrangements involving NECTA NZ LIMITED and the named entities. Please include any relevant documents where NECTA NZ LIMITED is referred to by alternate names, abbreviations, or informal identifiers.

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Scope of response

We are only able to respond regarding information within scope of your request held by UCOL. We are not able to comment on any formal arrangements that may exist between The Backhouse Trust and Necta NZ Limited. Any agreements regarding sublease of the space at the location known as The Backhouse in Whanganui, will be between the Trust and the organisation/s concerned, in this case Necta NZ Limited. We note that the Trust is not subject to the OIA, so we have not transferred your request to them under the OIA. However, you are welcome to ask for this information from them directly. They can be contacted at: info@thebackhouse.nz.

The decision

UCOL does not have, nor has had, any agreements, leases etc, nor a commercial relationship with Necta NZ Limited. As such, we must refuse your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the *“document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist”*.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

We may publish our OIA responses and the information contained in our reply to you on our website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Gus Gilmore
Tumuaki | Chief Executive