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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Request under the Official Information Act 1982 – Spending on consultant groups

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2024, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

- How much money Te Pūkenga has spent on consulting groups, like PwC, in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

You kindly clarified your request on 26 March 2024 with the following details:

- 1. I am only interested in the Te Pūkenga National office's spending on consultancy groups, not each business division.*
- 2. I am hoping to obtain a breakdown of spending on all consultancy groups since Te Pūkenga's creation.*

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

Interpretation

While you have requested information including 2019, we only hold information since Te Pūkenga establishment (1 April 2020) to date. We have provided information from Te Pūkenga head office consultancy transactions between year 2020 to date, as at 9 April 2024. Please note that our financial year is the same as a calendar year (1 January-31 December). Additionally, 2023 and 2024 information are unaudited and will be finalised in future Annual Reports.

As you did not provide further specifics about which particular consulting groups you were most interested in, noting your reference to PwC, we approached collation for your request by extracting details for the “Big 4” (PwC, EY, KPMG, Deloitte) consultancy firms. We have included BDO and Beca as two further consultancy firms, similar to the “Big 4”. We have also extracted information regarding consultants with whom we have spent over \$500K in total over this time period.

The decision

The information you have requested is attached at **Appendix One**. Totals provided are actual payments made, excluding GST.

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 circular flourish above the name.

Gus Gilmore
Tumuaki | Chief Executive

Appendix One

Consultant - Big 4	Year					(\$)
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)	
Deloitte				48,700		89,895
EY		3,466,796	283,449	14,161		
KPMG	260,000	2,025,693	143,626	29,085		
PWC	339,983	299,611	1,713,418	971,408		91,860
Grand Total	599,983	5,792,100	2,140,493	1,063,355		181,755

Consultant - Other	Year					(\$)
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)	
BDO						18,000
Beca						105,279
Scarlatti Limited		18,900	258,970	246,836		26,100
MSH Consulting		153,451	665,013			
Ngati Rarua Iwi Trust		198,000	462,000	82,500		
Rees-Thomas Law	78,675	208,413	314,527	248,741		47,142
Volte			1,828,654	1,645,975		191,129
Grand Total	78,675	578,764	3,529,164	2,224,052		387,650

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