

Reference: 20200221

21 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 29 June 2020. You wrote:

Last year I sought, on behalf of the E tū union, the information contained in the above attachment about cleaning and security contracts held by the Treasury for its offices.

I received the response attached on 29 April 2019, which informed me that there was no contract for static security guards and that the contract for the cleaning of No 1 The Terrace was held by Keenrite on a month-to-month basis.

I am now seeking for an update on these details, with the current holder of the cleaning contract, the approximate annual cost and the date of contract expiry.

In regards to the annual cost, your previous response refused to reveal any details on the basis that the information was commercially confidential. Treasury is the only government department that has taken this attitude, so we would appreciate it if this could be reviewed as part of your update.

Please be advised that the information you seek does not warrant any change in the content to my response to your request on 29 April 2019 (reference: 20190136). The Treasury currently engages Kleenrite (Wellington) Limited on a month-by-month agreement for cleaning services. Kleenrite (Wellington) Limited provides day housekeeping duties and night general cleaning of Levels 1 to 4 of No. 1 The Terrace, Wellington.

I am withholding the cost of the contract with Kleenrite (Wellington) Limited under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information.

The Treasury does not have a static security guard on site at No. 1 The Terrace.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Coburn
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