



TE TAI ŌHANGA
THE TREASURY

Reference: 20200249

7 August 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 19 July 2020. You requested:

- * the number of OIA requests received in the last financial year. I understand that you are now required to report this to parliament as part of the annual financial review process, so the number should be available;*
 - * the number of requests in the last financial year for which a charge was demanded, if available;*
 - * the number of requests in the last financial year for which a charge was paid, if available;*
 - * the total amount received in charges for OIA requests in the last financial year. This should be available from your financial systems. If it is not available, I would like an explanation why.*
- I am seeking this information in order to compare with statistics gathered in 2015 to determine whether there has been any change in charging practice over the last five years.*

The Treasury received 405 OIA requests in the last financial year. We did not charge for any responses to OIA requests during the 2019/20 financial year; therefore, The Treasury did not receive any payments from charges for OIA requests.

It would require a search of the records of all OIA requests received during the 2019/20 financial year to see if we had discussed charging for any of our OIA responses with requesters. So, this part of the request is being refused under section 18 (f) of the OIA because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

However, this is something that we should be recording centrally, and I will investigate establishing a central record of any requests where we approach a requester about charging. Part of the reason we haven't previously recorded this information before, is that it is extremely rare for The Treasury to consider approaching a requester about charging, but having it recorded in one document would make this easy to confirm.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on The Treasury website.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hammond', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Hammond
Team Leader Ministerial Advisory