

4 December 2018



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSC2018-0187

I refer to your official information request received on 20 November 2018 for:

".... the 2017/18 financial year, the total costs incurred by your agency in relation to any personal grievance claim by an employee, contractor, or any other party.

Please break this figure down into:

- a. *The total settlement payments made by your agency in relation to any personal grievance claim by an employee, contractor, or any other party;*
- b. *The total cost of any legal advice sought by your agency and any associated legal services in relation to any personal grievance claim by an employee, contractor, or any other party; and*
- c. *Any other costs.*
 1. *The total number of personal grievance claims.*
 2. *The total number of settlement payments made by your agency.*
 3. *A list of the five highest settlement payments.*

The State Services Commission had no personal grievance claims or associated settlement payments in the 2017/18 financial year, therefore I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 – on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Bruce'.

Rachel Bruce
Deputy State Services Commissioner
State Services Commission