



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission

13 May 2021

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Official Information Request
Our Ref: OIA 2021-0040

I refer to your official information request received on 1 May 2021 where you have asked:

1. *“Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?*
2. *If drug and alcohol testing does take place at the organisation:*
 - a. *Who currently provides the testing service i.e., name of service provider(s)?*
 - b. *For each (named) service provider:*
 - i. *What is the nature of the drug & alcohol testing service delivered e.g., saliva, urine, breath and alcohol and synthetic cannabinoids?*
 - ii. *In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?*
 - iii. *Is the service provided under contract? If yes:*
 1. *How many contracts does the provider have with your organisation?*
 2. *What is the term of that/those contract(s)?*
 3. *What is the dollar value of that/those contract(s)?*
 4. *Are there options for renewing that/those contract(s)?*
 - c. *What organisation(s)/company(ies) previously conducted drug and alcohol testing for your organisation (repeat all of ‘b’ for previous service providers)?”*

In response to your request, Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission does not carry out drug and/or alcohol testing of its employees or other persons. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@publicservice.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 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s website.

Yours sincerely

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