



15 July 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2019-0065

I refer to your official information request received on 24 May 2019 for:

"Information regarding remuneration of Chief Executive Officers in the State sector.

1. *I am requesting the precise salary of your CEO for the 2017/ 18 financial year.*
 - a. *I have the salary band as it is publicly available at http://www.ssc.govt.nz/sites/all/files/Senior%20Pay%20Report%202018_0.pdf.*
 - b. *Given the salary band is X amount between the difference of \$9,999, we believe the privacy involved to the CEO is low and therefore request the exact figure.*
2. *I am requesting the precise salary of your CEO for the current (2018/ 19) financial year.*
 - a. *While this financial year is not yet finished, instead of sending two separate OIA requests I am seeking this information now".*

Following our discussion with you on 28 May 2019, the State Services Commission is responding on behalf of all the public sector agencies you have requested this information from.

The State Services Commission has been disclosing chief executives (CE) remuneration since 1998 for Public Service departments, tertiary education institutions (TEIs) and District Health Boards (DHBs), with other Crown Entities added in 2010.

The annual disclosure provides transparency for the taxpaying public around the levels of remuneration received by CEs.

Prior to the receipt of your request, we have been working with the office of the Ombudsman as the Ombudsman is currently investigating matters related to the disclosure of chief executive remuneration, including whether the total remuneration details of chief executive details should be disclosed as an actual figure rather than as it currently disclosed in the Senior Pay Report within a \$10,000 band.

We have undertaken consultation with all public service chief executives, state service chief executives and their chair boards, whose total remuneration is currently disclosed annually in the Senior Pay Report in response to the Ombudsman investigation and your OIA request and are awaiting the Ombudsman's outcome in respect of this investigation.

On receipt of the Ombudsman's final view, we will release the information to you consistent with the Ombudsman decision.

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



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