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By email only:

Dear

Official Information Act #20.123 - LionsShare/Lionsshare.io

- 1. We refer to your request received on 3 December 2020 for a true copy of official information for investigation into LionsShare/Lionsshare.io.
- 2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (**OIA**).
- 3. On 7 December 2020, and again on 16 December 2020, we asked you to advise precisely what information you are seeking in relation to LionsShare/Lionsshare.io, pursuant to section 12(2) of the OIA. On both occasions we advised we are happy to have a conversation to help you clarify your request.
- 4. We note we have not received a response from you to our emails of 7 December 2020 and 16 December 2020 and do not hold a contact telephone number for you.

Our response

- 5. As indicated in our emails of 7 and 16 December 2020, we are unsure precisely what information you are seeking from the Commission without clarification from you.
- 6. Accordingly, we have decided to decline your request on the basis that the information requested is not specified with due particularity (section 12(2) of the OIA).
- 7. You may wish to refer to our response to OIA 20.110 in the OIA register on our website in relation to the Lion's Share scheme.¹ The Commission has opened an investigation into the promotion of the scheme in New Zealand.
- If you are not satisfied with the Commission's response to your OIA request, section 28(3) of the OIA provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and

¹ <u>https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/requesting-official-information/oia-register</u>

review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

- 9. You may make another request under the OIA, specifying the precise information you are seeking. We are happy to have a conversation to assist you to formulate a request, if that would be of assistance.
- 10. Please note the Commission will be publishing this response to your request in the OIA register. Your personal details will be removed from the published response.
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