

16 July 2020

[REDACTED]

By email only: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act #19.192 - Bunnings legal fees**

1. We refer to your request received on 22 June 2020 for the dollar amount of legal fees the Commerce Commission (Commission) has spent on the Bunnings matter.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 24 June 2020, in response to our email of the same date, you amended your request to the following:
  - 2.1 the number of internal staff hours recorded to the matter;
  - 2.2 the dollar value of internal expenses and disbursements incurred in relation to the matter; and
  - 2.3 the dollar value of external costs incurred in relation to the matter.
3. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

**Our response**

4. We have decided to grant your request. Please note the figures provided below are to 25 June 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://comcom.govt.nz/case-register/case-register-entries/bunnings-nz-limited>

	Investigation	Litigation
<b>Internal</b>		
Staff time <sup>2</sup>	1,137 hours	1,441 hours
Expenses <sup>3</sup> and disbursements	\$0	\$0
<b>External<sup>4</sup></b>		
Evidence management		\$2,644.42
Expert services	\$16,000	\$59,550.00
External Legal Services		\$885,267.86
Misc	\$41.00	\$31.00
Travel (domestic)	\$139.00	\$2,982.00
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$16,180</b>	<b>\$950,475.28</b>

#### Further information

5. Please note the Commission will be publishing this response to your request in the Official Information Act on our website.<sup>5</sup> Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
6. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [oia@comcom.govt.nz](mailto:oia@comcom.govt.nz) if you have any questions about this request.

Yours sincerely

*Mary Sheppard*  
OIA Coordinator

<sup>2</sup> We do not hold information about the dollar value of staff time charged to the matter. While we record the time spent on a matter, our system does not assign a dollar value to that time.

<sup>3</sup> Expenses refers to expense claims made by employees.

<sup>4</sup> These costs were incurred during the period from 28 June 2016 to 25 June 2020.

<sup>5</sup> <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/requesting-official-information/oia-register>