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Official Information Act #23.084 – Response

- We refer to your request received on 4 October 2023 for the underlying data collected by the Commerce Commission (the Commission) in its consumer survey as described in the <u>final report</u> of the market study into the retail grocery sector (attachment E).
- 2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

- 3. Please find **attached** an excel spreadsheet which contains the raw data from the survey, excluding any personal information.
- 4. We consider good reasons exist under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to withhold any personal information to protect the privacy of natural persons. We have removed the IP address, suburb information and free text responses from the data set provided.
- 5. We consider that good reasons exist for withholding this information and it is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available (section 9(1) of the OIA).

Further information

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

- 7. Please note the Commission will be publishing this response to your request on its website. Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
- 8. Please do not hesitate to contact us at oia@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this response.

Yours sincerely



OIA and Information Coordinator