

22 April 2021

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By email only [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act #20.180 - Charging for Official Information Act 1982 requests

1. We refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (**OIA**) request received on 29 March 2021 for the following information:
 - 1.1 whether the Commerce Commission (**Commission**) has a policy or guidelines in relation to charging requestors for supplying information under the OIA;
 - 1.1.1 if so, a copy of the policy or guideline, including the grounds for seeking costs for supplying information, charges for photocopying, scanning or other copying of information and the hourly rate for staff time in compiling requests;
 - 1.1.2 if not, what does the Commission charge for photocopying, scanning or other copying of information and what is the hourly rate for staff time in compiling requests;
 - 1.2 in the 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 2020:
 - 1.2.1 how many requests for information under the OIA did the Commission receive;
 - 1.2.2 of these, in how many was the requestor advised that they would incur charges for copying and staff time, or any other reason;
 - 1.2.3 in how many of these, did the requestor pay the required charge for supplying of information;
 - 1.2.4 in total, how much did the Commission receive in payments for supplying information under the OIA; and

1.2.5 what were the ten largest amounts paid by requestors in charges for fulfilling OIA requests.

Our response

2. We have decided to grant your request.
3. In response to paragraph [1.1] of your request, the Commission has an Official Information Act policy which covers charging requestors for making information available.
4. In response to paragraph [1.1.1] of your request, a copy of the policy is **attached**. As you will see, the Commission has a preference not to charge requestors for making information available. However, we consider it may be reasonable and appropriate to recover some of the costs associated with requests for information that require considerable labour and materials. In such instances, we have adopted the Ministry of Justice, Charging Guidelines for Official Information Act 1982 Requests.¹
5. The table below sets out our answers to paragraph [1.2] of your request:

1 January to 31 December 2020	
How many requests for information under the OIA did the Commission receive?	228
Of these, in how many was the requestor advised that they would incur charges for copying and staff time, or any other reason?	0
In how many of these, did the requestor pay the required charge for supplying of information?	N/A
In total, how much did the Commission receive in payments for supplying information under the OIA?	N/A
What were the ten largest amounts paid by requestors in charges for fulfilling OIA requests?	N/A

6. Please note the Commission will be publishing this response to your request in the OIA register on our website.² Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
7. Please do not hesitate to contact us at ويا@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this request.

¹ <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/directory-of-official-information/charging-guidelines-for-oia-requests/>

² <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/requesting-official-information/oia-register>

Yours sincerely

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