

3 December 2020

By email only: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act #20.106 – Cartel Prosecution Fines

1. We refer to your request received on 5 November 2020 for a list of the 10 largest fines imposed on Cartels in New Zealand in the last 10 years.
2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

3. We have decided to grant your request.
4. A list of the 10 largest fines imposed on cartels in New Zealand in the last 10 years can be found **below**.

Ranking	Investigation	Penalties
1	Air cargo (2011-2013)	\$42,575,000
2	Real estate (2016-2020)	\$22,925,000
3	Freight forwarding (2010-2014)	\$11,950,000
4	Corrugated fibre packaging (2013-2014)	\$3,685,000
5	Livestock (2015-2016)	\$3,280,000
6	Refrigerator compressors (2011)	\$3,000,000
7	Auckland timber (2014)	\$1,855,000
8	Milk testing products and services and herd management systems (2017)	\$825,000

9	Waste oil collection (2015)	\$425,000
10	Auckland residential real estate (2019)	\$400,000

5. Please note that the penalties in the table above are the totals of all fines imposed in each cartel (as opposed to setting out the top 10 penalties for individual cartel participants).
6. Please also note that the dates in the table above refer to the timeframes when the penalties were imposed (as opposed to when the Commission was conducting its investigation).
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 ويا@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this request.

Yours sincerely

Mary Sheppard
OIA Coordinator