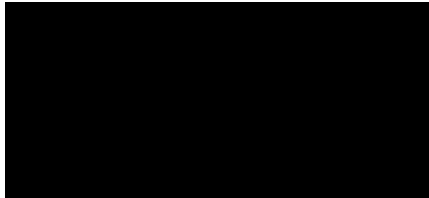


6 November 2018



Official Information Act #18.084 – Trade Me

1. We refer to your request of 8 October 2018 for the following information:
 - 1.1 does the Commerce Commission (Commission) not see Trade Me's obvious monopoly as being "anti-competitive";
 - 1.2 does the Commerce Commission not see it as a problem and/or anti-competitive behaviour that the Commission can just block whomever they choose - for no reason?; and
 - 1.3 how much tax payer funding does the Commission receive per year? And what do you actually do with it?
2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

3. We have decided to decline [1.1] and [1.2] of your request and grant [1.3] of your request
4. We have declined [1.1] and [1.2] of your request because you have asked for our opinion, rather than for information we hold. We are not required to form an opinion in response to an OIA request.¹
5. The Commission received funding of \$41.297 million from the Crown during the 2017/18 financial year. Of this, \$27.293 million was funded by general taxes. The remaining portion was funded through industry levies.
6. Details of the Commission's activities are available on our website,² including our annual strategic planning and accountability reports.³ Our annual reports⁴ contain a breakdown of the Commission's income and expenditure.

¹ The Ombudsman's guide to OIA for Ministers and agencies:
<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources-and-publications/guides/official-information-legislation-guides> (page 6)

7. 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 your first.
8. Please note the Commission may publish this response to your request on its website. Personal details will be redacted from the published response.
9. If you have any questions in regards to this request, please do not hesitate to contact us at uia@comcom.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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² www.comcom.govt.nz

³ <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/strategic-planning-and-accountability-reporting>

⁴ <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/strategic-planning-and-accountability-reporting/annual-report>