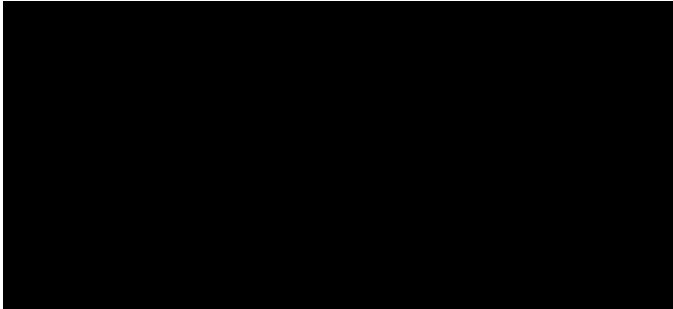


28 June 2023



### **Official Information Act #22.198 – Response**

1. We refer to your request received on 1 June 2023 for information about the Commerce Commission’s (the Commission) membership of the Hugo Group. You requested:
  - 1.1 how much does this membership cost annually;
  - 1.2 how much has the Commission spent on membership to the Hugo Group and for how many years; and
  - 1.3 what is the reason that the Commission has this membership.
2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

### **Our response**

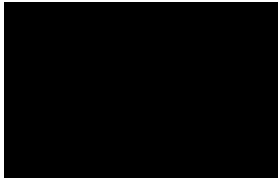
3. The Commission has been a member of The Hugo Group since 2014 and each year, we have paid the annual membership fee. The annual fee is currently \$8,500 plus GST.
4. In response to your request at [1.2] the Commission has spent \$83,500 plus GST on membership to the Hugo Group in the period February 2014 to June 2023.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This amount is for membership covering the period April 2014 to March 2024.

- 4.1 From 2014 – 2018 the Commission paid The Hugo Group \$8,200 plus GST per annum.
- 4.2 Since 2019, following an increase in the membership, we have paid \$8,500 plus GST per annum.
5. The Commission is a member of the HUGO group to help maintain its understanding of the operating environment for businesses, including economic trends, policy developments, and updates on industrial relations. The membership includes briefings by business experts, and partners across the public sector.
6. 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.
7. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [ويا@comcom.govt.nz](mailto:ويا@comcom.govt.nz) if you have any questions about this response.

Yours sincerely



OIA and Information Coordinator