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Dear 

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 17 November 2022. You requested the following information:

...to gauge the extent of IRD's engagement with lobbyists and applies to the following firms:

- *Capital Government Relations*
- *Thompson Lewis*
- *Sherson Willis*
- *Draper Cormack*
- *Saunders Unsworth*
- *Cosgrove & Partners Ltd*
- *Barton Deakin*
- *Hawker Britton*
- *Anacta Consulting*

For each of the full calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 (until the date of this email) please provide the following information:

- *All communications, including emails and correspondence, exchanged with representatives of these lobbying firms*
- *The amount of money paid to each firm in each year*
- *The number of meetings, listed by date, between a member of your organisation and any representative of the lobbying firms listed*

I also request the following documents that the listed lobbying firms have provided to your organisation for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 years:

- *All reports, submissions, talking points, advice, memos, briefings, media training materials, preparation material for select committees, crisis management advice, strategic business advice and analysis, advice on regulatory and legislative decisions and political intelligence including information, biographies and profiles of Ministers, MPs and members of the public service.*

Inland Revenue has not engaged the listed firms, nor does it have any record of having consulted with the listed firms. Inland Revenue does not have any record of having received the specified documents. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Right of Review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

Publishing of OIA response

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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