



11 May 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 12 April 2022. You requested:

How much tax has been paid to government since lotto inception 1987 where a percentage of lotto payments from lotto purchases is paid to the tax department the government.

The information you have requested is considered sensitive revenue information under section 18 of the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA) because it relates to the affairs of a specific entity. Sensitive revenue information can only be released in certain circumstances, as set out in sections 18D to 18J and schedule 7 of the TAA.

In this case, there are no exceptions that permit me to release this information to you. Accordingly, I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA, as releasing this information would be contrary to section 18 of the TAA.

However, you may find some of the information you require on Lotto NZ's website (MyLotto.co.nz) by going to *About us* and *Reports & Statements*.

Rights 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: 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 at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing of OIA responses

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes, on its website, responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public. If this response is published, your personal details and any information that would identify you will be removed.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

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