

15 September 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUEST 2021-89

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2021 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"...requesting data about payments made by the Carterton District Council to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 2020-01-01 and 2020-12-31.

What is requested is a compiled list, ideally in Microsoft Excel format, of the council's external suppliers which contains as many of the following variables as possible:

- The name of the supplier*
- The supplier's New Zealand Business Number*
- The total amount paid to the supplier during the year 2020 for purchases of goods and services. The amounts can either be including or excluding GST.*

This request only regards suppliers to whom the council has paid NZ\$5,000 or more during 2020. If information about any specific supplier is too sensitive to produce, feel free to remove it from any potential list.

If this request is rejected I would appreciate it if you could evaluate it again with a higher threshold of NZ\$10,000."

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

You have asked for data about payments made by the Carterton District Council to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020. My response is in the order of your request.

The name of the supplier

I am refusing this part of your request under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to protect the name of the supplier information, whereby making this information available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

The supplier's New Zealand Business Number

The Carterton District Council does not hold the information of the supplier's New Zealand Business Number. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act for the reason that the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

The total amount paid to the supplier during the year 2020 for purchases of goods and services.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act for the reason to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

As required under section 7(1) of the Act, I have had regard to the public interest considerations favouring the release of the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council