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RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2026, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I am requesting information relating to individuals working within your agency through supplier, managed service, or service agreements who are not recorded or reported as contractors or consultants spending.

For the purposes of this request, I am particularly interested in arrangements where an external supplier provides a named or identifiable individual who performs work for an agency on an ongoing or full-time basis and has access to agency resources, systems, email, buildings, and or equipment:

1. *To the extent this information is held centrally, please provide the number of individuals currently:*
 - *supplied through a supplier, managed service, or service agreement*
 - *working in a role equivalent or similar to a full-time agency position*
 - *provided with access to agency systems, email accounts, buildings, equipment, or other internal resources*
 - *not classified or reported as contractors or consultants.*
2. *For the individuals captured by point 1, please provide for each individual:*
 - *the total annual or contracted cost*
 - *the length of the engagement*
 - *whether the individual works full-time or part-time for the agency.*
3. *Please identify any changes to the collection or availability of this information resulting from the implementation of new financial, procurement, HR, or reporting systems, including:*
 - *the date of any system change*
 - *what information ceased to be collected or became unavailable*

- *whether historical information remains accessible*
 - *any known breaks in the data series.*
4. *Please provide any recent advice, correspondence, or guidance concerning individuals working within your agency who are not included in reported contractor and consultant spend because they are engaged through supplier, managed service, or service agreements.*

In an effort to assess if the Ministry had any information captured as part of your request, we approached senior leaders involved in the management of both internal services, and in delivery of major Defence equipment. No information has been identified within scope of your request. As a result, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the Act, as the requested information does not exist.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely 

Mathew Parr
Chief Financial Officer