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Tēnā koe Ms Roulston,

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 (OIA) – REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION - CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED (CIAL)

1. We write further to our email of 08 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request of 04 August 2023 seeking the following information (if held by CIAL) in relation to 'Airport lobbying Government':

Request: Received 02 August – Airport lobbying Government

Could you please share with me the number of employees, contractors or consultants engaged to provide Local or Central government lobbying paid from the Central Otago airport project budget whether part or full time engagements.

If required the definition of lobbying is defined in the first paragraph at this [link](#):

Include:

- 1. The full time equivalent number*
 - 2. The head count number*
 - 3. The estimated hours of work delivered between 1 Jan 2023 and 31 July 2023 (to +/- 30%)*
 - 4. As above, but for the 2022 calendar year.*
 - 5. The forward estimate of hours of work planned for the period 14 July 2023 through to 14 October 2023 (to +/- 30%).*
2. With respect to your request, we are unable to provide you with any information in this regard, given CIAL does not carry out lobbying as per the definition you have cited, which for ease of reference, we note below:

the term "lobbying" generally describes the practice of engaging in advocacy activities to influence government policies and decisions.

3. As you may know, CIAL is established as a company owned 75% by the Christchurch City Holdings Limited which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Christchurch City Council (Local Government) and 25% by the Minister of Finance and Minister for State Owned Enterprises (Central Government). As such, it provides regular briefings and updates to its shareholders, and Christchurch City Council. These do not meet the definition of lobbying you refer to.
4. As a significant infrastructure business, CIAL is regularly involved in select committee meetings, public consultation processes, industry bodies, working groups, trade delegations, public events, and many other engagements where it meets or interacts with members of central and local government and their officials. CIAL does not believe these meet the definition of "lobbying" as per the definition provided by you.
5. We trust we have answered your request for information. If you require any further information or we have in some way misinterpreted your request, please let us know.
6. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions contained in this letter. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman or make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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