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Tēnā koe Shane

OIA: 1303624 – Cloud infrastructure spend

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information

- *Please provide details of your total spend on cloud infrastructure over the last 5 years.*
- *Please break the costs down by financial year.*
- *Please break the costs down by cloud provider.*
- *Please limit it to the following cloud providers:*
 - *AWS*
 - *Azure*
 - *Catalyst Cloud*
 - *Google Cloud*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Due to the Ministry having so few contracts for cloud infrastructure, I am withholding the requested information in full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

The Ministry has contractual obligations with our vendors to protect commercially sensitive information. If we were to divulge our total spend, it would allow competitors to deduce the amounts spent on each vendor individually. Releasing such information is likely to prejudice the commercial positions of our vendors, as making their rates public could lead to undercutting by their competitors.

However, I can advise that the Ministry regularly publishes its ICT spend/budgets in the Annual Report. You can find copies of previous Annual Reports via the following link:
education.govt.nz/our-work/publications/annual-report/.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the withheld information; I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are 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 my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku, nā

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