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Tēnā koe Shane

Official Information Act (OIA) request: Annual amount spent with all suppliers

Thank you for your email dated 24 March 2023, in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I would like an extract of the annual amount spent with all suppliers for the 2021/2022 financial year.*

I would like this data in an open format, csv or json formats would be suitable.

I would like the following details provided:

- *Supplier Name*
- *Suppliers NZBN number (if available)*
- *Total Amount Spent*

I believe this information would be readily available via an extract from your Accounts Payable system.

On 4 April 2023, we discussed via email the context of your request and the type of information available at Stats NZ relating to your specific interest. In that discussion, we confirmed:

- Stats NZ is able to obtain the GST exclusive total amount of all purchases from suppliers from our general ledger and provide these in the format you've requested.
- Obtaining the GST inclusive expenditure is not easily extracted from our systems.
- Providing the GST exclusive total amount per supplier would be acceptable for your purposes.

We appreciate your open discussion to clarify this request. Your request has been processed under the Act, and a copy of the requested information is attached to this letter in csv format. Please note that we have excluded employee expense claims and payments for our Stats NZ Mastercard transactions, as these are not considered 'suppliers'.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published on the Stats NZ website. Publishing responses creates greater openness and transparency of government decision-making and helps better inform public understanding of the reasons for decisions.

Ngā mihi nui



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