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Dear Erika

Your Official Information Act request OIA2223 0971 WHITTOME, dated 23/06/2023

In regard to your Official Information Act (the Act) request, that the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) received on 23 June 2023, our response is as follows.

You have requested:

Please share your emails, correspondence, Memos, and contracts with GroupSense.io. Please include:

1. All of the settings in your system (e.g., screenshots of the settings and engaged data brokers saved in a word document) for implementation on Facebook using and of the GroupSense toolsets.
2. INCLUDING the users and keywords flagged in your GroupSense system (e.g., in an excel spreadsheet or csv format).
3. The guidelines and objective documents used to complete the initial set up of your GroupSense implementation.
4. Copies if all GroupSense reports.
5. This request is for 2020 1 Jan until now.

Our response is set out below:

The Department has no current or past contracts with GroupSense.io. The Department has carried out searches in its systems and has not identified any past engagement with GroupSense.io.

Therefore, your request has been refused in this instance under section 18(e) of the Act, as information in scope of the request does not currently exist or cannot be found despite reasonable efforts to locate them.

We intend to publish our response to your request on www.dia.govt.nz. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

If you would like to discuss any parts of your request further, or if you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at OIA@DIA.govt.nz

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.

Yours sincerely


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