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Dear Shane Gibson

Thank you for your email of 29 June 2023 requesting information relating to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)'s accounts payable spend. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

- I would like an extract of the annual amount spent with all suppliers where the Supplier name begins with the letter A for the 2021/2022 financial year.*
- I would like this data in an open format, csv or json formats would be suitable.*
- I do not want this information provided in pdf or watermarked pdf format, as this is not an open format.*
- I would like the following details provided:*
 - *Supplier Name*
 - *Suppliers NZBN number (if available)*
 - *Total Amount Spent*
 - *GST Exclusive amount*

Due to the nature of the work MPI carries out, utilising recruitment suppliers is often beneficial to attract the best talent to service our food and fibre sector. MPI takes active steps to recruit employees for longer term requirements while still maintaining some contractor use for programmes/projects and policy initiatives that are finite, short-term work that is demand driven or requires specialist assistance, and technical input that is not otherwise available internally.

On 28 July MPI extended the time limit to respond to your request to 25 August 2023. On 25 August 2023 MPI asked for your request to be re-refined to only include recruitment suppliers only for the 2021/22 financial year in line with other Government agency responses. On 5 September 2023 you confirmed this approach. I apologise for the delay in getting this information to you.

MPI has interpreted this request as the total amount spent on recruitment fees and advertising. Please find below a table containing the total spend for recruitment fees and advertising for the 2021/22 financial year.

Recruitment Agency	Total Spend
Beyond Services Limited	\$82,067.82
Finite Group NZ Ltd	\$49,946.00
Forte Recruitment	\$4,185.42
GBL Personnel Limited	\$9,032.62
H2R Limited	\$18,870.00
Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	\$54,371.57
Hudson Global Resources (NZ) Ltd	\$16,706.02
Inside Executive Recruitment	\$420,665.02
Jackson Stone & Partners Limited	\$89,435.18
Madison Recruitment Limited	\$8,824.83
Momentum Consulting Group	\$47,805.87
Niche Consulting Group Limited (Recruitment)	\$57,075.76
People & Company Limited	\$38,539.15
People2People Recruitment (New Zealand) Limited	\$9,546.00
People2People Recruitment (Wellington) Unit Trust	\$9,435.00
Place Recruitment Limited	\$3,630.01
Randstad Limited	\$131,262.38
RGF Staffing New Zealand Limited t/a OCG, Chandler Macleod	\$31,531.39
Robert Walters New Zealand Limited	\$150,051.77
Scitex Recruitment Limited	\$28,317.40

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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