

26 March 2024

LGOIMA No. 8140013242
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Hunter K
By Email: fyi-request-25784-40c3db54@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Hunter

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

PSA structural engineering reviewer

Thank you for your information request dated 19 February 2024, regarding the Producer Statement Authorship (PSA) structural engineering reviewer.

In response to your request, I consulted with the council's Building Consents department to provide relevant information. The specific details of your request and our response is below.

(1) the original agreement/terms of reference between Auckland Council and the external contractor

There was no formal contractual agreement between Auckland Council and the external consultant.

We have consulted with the consultant about this arrangement who has confirmed that no formal agreement was put in place. This arrangement was initiated by a request from Auckland Council in 2017 and a verbal conversation took place with the consultant and a manager who is no longer employed by Auckland Council.

Therefore, we are unable to provide you with this information under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

(2) how long the agreement was intended to go on for when it started in 2017

The original request in the email pertains to coverage of a holiday period of 3 months, however, the consultant has confirmed that on the return of the staff members, they continued to be requested on an as-needed basis.

(3) assessment/decision documents on the engagement continuing beyond the period originally envisaged

The consultant has emailed to confirm that once the period of leave cover was over, requests were continued on an as needed basis.
As there are no assessment/decision documents, we are unable to provide you with this information under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA.

(4) current agreements/instructions to the contractor

It is on a casual basis, so no terms have been agreed.

Please refer to the attached relevant confirmation email from the consultant for your reference.

Please note some information has been redacted under section 7(2)(f)(ii) of the LGOIMA, because withholding of this information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of employees.

Decisions about this response to your request were made by **Denise Whelan**, Manager Building Consents Capability.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request you have the right to seek a review of the decision from the Ombudsman.

I also wish to apologise for the delay in getting this response to you and thank you for your patience while we have worked on this response. If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140013242.

Ngā mihi



Jenny Hua
Senior Privacy & Official Information Business Partner
Governance Services