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Dear Herve Thevenon

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information requests on 21 March 2018 relating to food act implementation and verification and enforcement online systems. I have quoted and responded to your questions in order.

1. Please disclose the tender process that led to the choice of InformationLeader as the verification and enforcement online system.

No tender process was conducted to select InformationLeader as the verification and enforcement online system. This system was chosen in line with the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) policy to reuse existing applications where possible.

2. Please disclose all the costs associated with the project that led to the rejection of InformationLeader as the enforcement online system.

The work was mostly done by MPI staff with a small amount of assistance from temporary contractors.

3. Please outline what was the tender process used to select Salesforce as a replacement for the previous InformationLeader platform.

MPI did not conduct a tender process to select Salesforce as a replacement for the previous InformationLeader platform. As is the case with InformationLeader, Salesforce was chosen in line with MPI policy to reuse existing applications where possible.

4. Please list all the New Zealand based providers who have contacted you and when in order to assist the Ministry with delivering a system that may have overlapped with the features of the future verification and enforcement online system.

MPI is aware of at least three companies that have spoken to MPI about developing systems for information sharing between food businesses and verifiers. There is no known overlap between these initiatives and the MPI verification and enforcement online system.

The names of these companies are withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the release of this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

5. Please let us have the document that describes all the features that you intend to get from a verification and enforcement online system.

An update outlining the features of the new system has been included in Food News issue April 2018. This is publicly available at the following URL:
<https://ministryforprimaryindustries.createsend.com/campaigns/reports/viewCampaign.aspx?d=d&c=A69F0B75492A41C9&ID=C919A03B31814D982540EF23F30FEDED&temp=False&tx=0>

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Thomson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Thomson
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