

26 October 2023

Ref: OIA-23-049

Wayne Hudson

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Tēnā koe Mr Hudson,

Official Information Act 1982 request for Eligible Activities for the Ārohia Seed Grant

I refer to your official information Act (the Act) request dated 1 October 2023, for the following information in related to your previous request regarding the Ārohia seed grant for OIA-23-024;

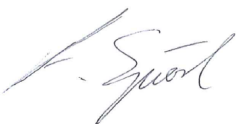
" provide me with all information and correspondence that resulted in the decision to limit funding of patent work and patent advice / FTO searches to registered patent attorneys (as "legitimate providers") and not to fund other providers of scientific and technical advice about the validity or infringement of patents / prior art research services."

As previously advised in response to your request for information regarding the "Callaghan Innovation document entitled " Eligible Activities for the Arohia Seed Grant." (OIA-23-024) The decision to have funding for patent work and patent advice/FTO searches conducted by registered patent attorneys was not taken in relation to this grant, and was already the policy of Callaghan Innovation at the time of the planning of the grant.

Therefore no information exists in relation to a decision for this grant as one was not made, beyond deciding to continue this existing practice, as indicated in the information already provided to you. We are therefore declining your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as we do not hold any information relating to this matter and this grant, and we have no ground to believe that the information is held by another agency or connected more closely with the functions of another agency.

As you are aware, 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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