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I am responding to a letter of 23 July 2018 from Doug Martin, Inquiry Head at the State Services Commission (SSC), regarding SSC's inquiry into the use of external security consultants by state sector agencies. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

To identify any engagement with or of external security consultants, all members of the Senior Leadership Team have contacted their individual business groups to determine the circumstances, reasons and outcomes of any appointment falling within scope of your inquiry. Alongside this review, investment and finance records have been searched as well as information contained within the business repository system.

In one instance, it was found the Transport Agency engaged the services of OIA s9(2)(a) a private investigator and security consultant for OIA s6(c). OIA s9(2)(a) was formally contracted by the Transport Agency from 21 November 2016 to 24 February 2017 to assess

OIA s6(c). The public register for Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority confirms both OIA s9(2)(a) and OIA s6(c) active private investigator and security consultant status until August 2021. Information exchange platforms, such as WordPress or Slack, were not used during the period of the engagement. All interactions OIA s6(c) were consistent with the *Code of Conduct for the State Services* and have not given the Transport Agency any cause for concern.

Thompson and Clark Limited or any of its affiliates have not been contracted to or provided the Transport Agency with any specialist investigative or security services.

Should you require any further information, you are welcome to contact Charles Ronaldson, General Manager, Customer Design and Delivery, by email to charles.ronaldson@nzta.govt.nz or by phone OIA s9(2)(a)

Yours sincerely



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