

22 July 2022



REF: OIA-10443

Dear **Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Has the Agency*
 - a. *engaged,*
 - b. *given consideration to engaging or been approached to engage, any of the entities or natural persons below, in respect of providing any services?*

This includes any of these natural persons representing, or purporting to represent, any other entities on behalf of them, e.g. iwis.

- *Ka Awatea Services Ltd*
- *Kawai Catalyst Ltd*
- *William Gannin Ormsby*
- *Tamoko Ormsby*
- *Waimirangi Ormsby*

Please limit the scope of my request to the period since 25 September 2017.

2. *If the answer to the above question is 'yes', please confirm and/or provide:*
 - a. *whether a contract was ultimately awarded?*
 - b. *if a contract was awarded, what was the financial value(s)?*
 - c. *if a contract was awarded, that contract(s) itself and the procurement document that detailed the consideration and decision to award it.*

We have checked our financial records and can confirm that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has never engaged any entities and individuals specified above.

To check whether Waka Kotahi has been approached by these entities and/or individuals to engage them for services, we have carried out an agency-wide email sweep. On 12 July 2022, we advised you that we have found approximately 1,200 emails that would need to be assessed to establish whether they fall within scope of your request. Due to the large volume of the emails found, we have invited you to refine and narrow down your request as otherwise fulfilling your request would have amounted to substantial collation and research and would have been refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

On 13 July 2022, you advised that you are comfortable to narrow down your request to information concerning Ka Awatea Services Limited and Kawai Catalyst Limited only.

Waka Kotahi received an email from Ka Awatea Services Limited on 17 February 2020 from Gannin Ormsby suggesting the possibility of collaboration. Waka Kotahi did not engage its services. Since then, Waka Kotahi has not engaged or has been approached to engage by Ka Awatea Services or Kawai Catalyst Limited.

I trust that this information fulfils your request.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Manukau', is positioned above the printed name.

Nicholas Manukau
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