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State Services Commission Inquiry into the use of External Security Consultants

The Electricity Authority (Authority) has consulted its records from establishment in 2010, and those of the Electricity Commission (Commission) prior to this date, to determine the use by both organisations of external security consultants as described in your information request of State Sector Agency Chief Executives, dated 23 July 2018. We can report that:

- (a) The Commission has engaged on one occasion in 2010, Security Risk Management NZ Ltd (SRM) to investigate employee behavior believed to be in breach of terms and conditions of employment.
- (b) The Authority has engaged, on one occasion in 2013, Security Risk Management NZ Ltd (SRM) to undertake investigations in relation to perceived risk to a staff member [REDACTED]
- (c) Neither the Commission nor the Authority used Wordpress or Slack to communicate with SRM.
- (d) Neither the Commission, nor the Authority has engaged TCIL, or its associated entities.
- (e) Both engagements of SRM were short term, and work procured was delivered to a high standard with a high degree of communication throughout. The consultant was appropriately licensed and delivered outcomes to the organisation's employment lawyers consistent with expectations. At all times the Chief Executive was aware of action being taken and day to day management was undertaken by the General Manager Corporate Services in association with Human Resources and employment lawyers.
- (f) SRM were at all times extremely professional and appropriate for the work being undertaken.

Please contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chief Executive

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