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By Email

Dear 

**OIA request - Authority's legal team**

I refer to your email of 23 May 2019 in which you requested the following information relating to the Authority's legal team:

- The size and composition of the Authority's legal team
- Where the legal team sits in the Authority's structure
- Whether the manager or chief legal advisor has direct access to the Board and/or the Director of the Authority.

Your request has been assessed in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

The Authority's legal team comprises 4.8 full time equivalent (FTE) employees:

- a General Manager, Legal and Compliance (0.5 FTE)
- two Senior Legal Counsel (1.8 FTE)
- two Legal Counsel (2 FTE)
- one Legal and Compliance Officer (0.5 FTE).

The Authority's legal team reports to the General Manager, Legal and Compliance, who in turn reports to the Chief Executive.

The General Manager, Legal and Compliance does not have direct access to the Chair of the Authority's Board, but does attend Board meetings to address any issues that specifically relate to the legal function within the Authority, or issues that have significant legal implications. Similarly, members of the legal team attend Board meetings when any projects they are working on are being considered.

If you would like any further information about the Authority's legal team, please contact Andrew Springett, Senior Legal Counsel, at [andrew.springett@ea.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.springett@ea.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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