

1 April 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request, received on 29 March 2021, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act):

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA):

1. *Does your organisation have a policy or guidelines in relation to charging requestors for supplying information under the Official Information Act 1982?*
2. *If yes, please supply a written copy of the policy/guideline, including grounds for seeking costs for supplying information, charges for photocopying, scanning or other copying of information and the hourly rate for staff time in compiling requests?*
3. *If not, what does your organisation charge for photocopying, scanning or other copying of information and what is the hourly rate for staff time in compiling requests?*

In the 12 months from 01 January 2020 to December 31, 2020:

4. *How many requests for information under the Official Information Act did your organisation receive?*
5. *Of these, in how many was the requestor advised that they would incur charges for copying and staff time, or any other reason?*
6. *In how many of these, did the requestor pay the required charge for supplying of information?*
7. *In total, how much did your organisation receive in payments for supplying information under the OIA?*
8. *What were the largest 10 amounts paid by requestors in charges for fulfilling OIA requests?*

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The Authority is committed to greater transparency and accountability by progressively increasing the availability of data and official information to New Zealanders.

While the Authority does not have a specific policy for charging requestors for the supply of information under the Act, we do adhere to the Ministry of Justice [charging guidelines for OIAs](#). These guidelines represent what the Government regards as reasonable charges for the purposes of the Act.

From 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, the Authority received 30 Official Information Act requests. None of these requests resulted in the requestor incurring a charge, or the Authority receiving a payment for the supply of information under the Act.

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.

I trust the information provided answers your request. If you wish to discuss your request further, please contact Caroline Sides – Senior Ministerial Advisor by emailing caroline.sides@ea.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Gillies
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