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Official Information Request No. 9000127791
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Via email: fyi-request-1421-74799d29@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Mr Ms Haden

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: EY Independent Review

I refer to your email, which we received on 29 January 2014, requesting information about the independent EY review. I respond to your questions as they were put:

1. Advise the legal basis on which this report was commissioned.

The report was commissioned in accordance with s12(2)(a) and 12(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Additionally, the Chief Executive has broad power under s42 of the LGA to ensure the effective and efficient management of the activities of the local authority.

2. Provide a copy of the time sheets and invoice from EY for the work done on the report dated 13 December 2013.

This information is withheld in accordance with s7(2)(b)(ii) to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information. Any public interest in this matter has been met by the release of the final costs of the review.

3. A copy of the engagement agreement dated 26 October 2013 referred to by EY in the report.

This information is withheld under s7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA as releasing this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is subject of the information, and s7(2)(i) of the LGOIMA as releasing this information would prejudice the council's ability to carry on commercial negotiations without prejudice.

The agreement includes information on EY's internal costs and processes which is of significant commercial value to EY. Release of this information would also prejudice the council's ability to negotiate agreements for services of this nature in the future. Any public interest in the engagement is met by the release of the public report and the total cost charged by EY for the review (\$198,751).

4. Identify the legal entity EY who presented the report - I note that it is not signed and no real or legal persons are associated in the production of this report.

The legal entity responsible for the report is Ernst & Young Limited. It is noted on the first page of the report that Ernst & Young (EY) were engaged to provide the independent review.

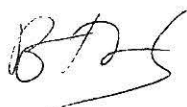
Please provide a copy of any policy for council dealing with undefined/ unidentifiable entities.

This part of your request is refused in accordance with s17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information does not exist.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decisions made in respect of this request.

If you have any further queries please contact me on (09) 301 3815, quoting Official Information Request No. 9000127791.

Nāku noa, nā



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