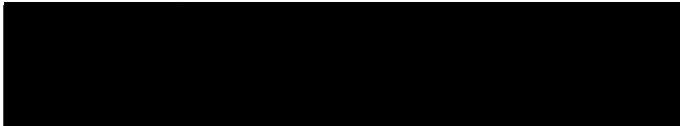


22 February 2019



Re Official Information Request for public records created by Thompson and Clark Investigations Ltd

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 20 December 2018 to the State Services Commission seeking the following information:

Forest & Bird notes that Thompson and Clark has acted for the New Zealand Government across a range of agencies, as such its actions when so contracted will be covered by the Public Records Act. For the public records created by Thompson and Clark please provide a copy of:

- 1. the authorities held by state sector agencies that authorise or have authorised Thompson and Clark to dispose of public records***
- 2. any instructions from state sector agencies as to the creation, retention, and disposal of public records***
- 3. any authorities or written decisions to discharge public records in the possession of Thompson and Clark***
- 4. Any authorities or written instructions relating to records strayed by virtue of possession by Thompson and Clark***

In the event that no such authorities, instructions or decisions have been made in relation to public records create or retained by Thompson and Clark in its role as a contractor to state sector agencies, the reasons why no such authorities, instructions or decisions have been made.

Your request was subsequently transferred by the SSC to Auckland DHB on 24 January 2019 on the grounds that we may have contracted the services of Thompson and Clark Investigations Ltd (TCIL).

No contract has ever existed between Auckland DHB or Auckland Regional Public Health Services with TCIL. Thus our response to your requests is that the information does not exist - s18(e).

In response to the statement, "*in the event that no such authorities, instructions or decisions have been made in relation to public records create or retained by Thompson and Clark in its role as a contractor to state sector agencies,*" and requesting "*the reasons why no such authorities, instructions or decisions have been made*" we note that "no authorities, instructions or decisions

have been made in relation to records created or retained by TCIL in its role as a contractor to Ministry of Health and working with ADHB/ARPHS."

We trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive