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17 October 2022

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Tēnā koe s 9(2),

I refer to your email dated 28 September 2022, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), regarding the Living Wage for cleaning, security, and catering personnel.

Please find a response from the Ministry of Transport to each question below, specifically in relation to the Ministry of Transport:

“For each of your agency’s properties:

1. *Who are the cleaning and security contract providers currently delivering these services? (please list these by property address and lease area)”*

Crest Commercial Cleaning Limited are contracted to deliver cleaning services to 3 Queens Wharf, Wellington. The Ministry of Transport does not have any onsite security services.

2. *“What are the expiration dates for each of the contracts?”*

Crest Commercial Cleaning contract expires 30 June 2025.

3. *“Are the contractors required to pay the staff employed to perform the contracted work at least the Living Wage?”*

Yes.

4. *“Which of the contracts do not have a rate that is equivalent to the Living Wage rate as a minimum pay requirement?”*

Nil.

5. *“What instruction or advice, if any, has been given to contractors whose contracts extend beyond September 1, about implementing the NZ Living Wage rate on September 1 2023”*

The contract requires the Supplier to pay all organisational and subcontracted personnel the New Zealand Living Wage with annual increases accommodated. Professional fee rates have been stated in the contract for each financial year thereby accounting for each yearly Living Wage increase.

- *“And generally, if catering and/or kitchen staff are directly or indirectly employed by your agency, does the minimum rate of a Living Wage rate apply to them also?”*

Catering/kitchen personnel are not directly hired by Ministry of Transport to deliver catering services onsite (e.g. preparation of food, serving staff, clean up).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman’s website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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