Ministry of **Transport**
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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your request received 9 April 2021 via our Facebook page, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking:

> *"how many equivalent full time staff (EFTS) were employed to work on the drone work programme between the release of the Drone Engagement Paper in September 2019 and the release of this paper? What was the aggregate total of salaries and contract fees paid to those EFTS over the same period?"*

The Ministry does not undertake time recording for projects. A number of staff across the Ministry have had input into the drone regulatory work programme over the period you are interested in. The Ministry of Transport has also received funding of $300,000 per year from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment for three years (2019/20 – 2021/22) to work on the drone regulatory programme. This money currently supports two full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) on the project.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Yours sincerely

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