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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *“How many in-house graphic designers does your organisation employ?”*
2. *What is the budget for in-house/employed graphic designers?*
3. *How much has been spent on contracting external graphic designers?*
 - *If external contractors have been used, why did your organisation not use your employed/in-house graphic designers?*
4. *If employed/in-house or external contractors have been used to design a report in the last 12 months, was the report made public?*
 - *If not, why not?”*

In response to you the first part of your request, I can confirm that no staff at Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) are currently employed as a graphic designer.

For your second question, there is a budget for salary for an in-house graphic designer. The salary band is \$82,558 to \$100,904. This role is currently vacant.

For your third question, as the graphic designer role is currently vacant the Ministry has spent \$77,557.00 and \$10,253.13 exclusive of GST in the 2022/2023 financial year with external contractors. The total amount spent exclusive of GST is \$87,810.83.

For your fourth question, the external contractors have been used to design reports in the last 12 months which have been made public.

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

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

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