

2 November 2018



Dear 

**Inquiry into the use of external security consultants**

Thank you for your email of 30 October requesting the following documents from AgResearch relevant to the inquiry:

- All financial records of payments made to or received from TCIL or its associated companies
- All contracts with TCIL or its associated companies
- All proposals for services received by the CRI from TCIL
- A copy of each of the threat assessments undertaken
- A copy of any risk management analysis undertaken
- A copy of the internal review that concluded TCIL's letters were no longer required (recognising this may be informal including emails)
- Copies of the regular threat assessment reports provided as part of TCIL's risk management package.

A description of documents provided as part of this response is set out below.

**1 All financial records of payments made to or received from TCIL or its associated companies**

Attached as **Document 1** is the excerpt from our payment system setting out the invoices received and paid during 2006-2016 to Thompson and Clark. The excerpt contains the amount paid, when it was paid, and the services invoiced. As discussed, please let us know if you require any of the original invoices on this list.

**2 All contracts with TCIL or its associated companies**

Attached as **Document 2** is the 2006 contract that engaged Thompson and Clark for risk management services. Services continued by arrangement beyond the stated May 2007 expiry date, through to April 2016.

**3 All proposals for services received by the CRI from TCIL**

Attached as **Document 3** is a proposal from 2015. Please note this proposal was not accepted and the engagement was terminated in April 2016. Unfortunately the proposal referenced in the 2006 contract above was not able to be located.

**4 Copies of threat assessments, risk management analysis and regular threat assessment reports received from Thompson and Clark as part of the risk management package**

The attached file entitled “**SitRep reports**” contains all of the reports received from Thompson and Clark that were able to be located (from 2014 – April 2016). These are organised into subfolders according to year. This includes the regular reports as well as three reports from 2014 entitled:

- National Activism: Overview of Domestic Activism and Protest: Review of Events February 2014
- Situation Report: Animal Rights Activism: Protest alert
- Situation Report: AgResearch: Invermay Agricultural Centre.

## **5 A copy of the internal review that concluded TCIL's letters were no longer required**

Unfortunately no documents relating to the internal review that led to the termination of the engagement with Thompson and Clark were able to be located. It is our understanding that the internal review was undertaken informally and just by the contract manager at the time, who subsequently left AgResearch. All emails that were able to be located relevant to the termination of the engagement were enclosed in our publicly available OIA response.

### **Other documents**

For context, please also find attached the following:

- **Document 4**, which is a copy of a 2007 letter sent to AgResearch’s minister at the time of an OIA request on our use of Thompson and Clark. It contains helpful contextual information on the rationale to engage with Thompson and Clark in 2006.
- File entitled “**Unredacted OIA documents**”: this provides a copy of all documents released as part of our OIA response, with redactions highlighted but not applied. This includes copies of some of the media scans that Thompson and Clark provided (separate to the more formal situation reports), and the email correspondence relevant to the termination of the engagement with the company. All of the documents withheld in full in that response are provided as part of items 3 and 4 above.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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### **Encl:**

- Document 1: financial record of payments
- Document 2: 2006 contract
- Document 3: 2015 proposal for service
- File entitled SitRep reports
- Document 4: Letter to Minister regarding use of Thompson and Clark in 2006-7.
- File entitled Unredacted OIA documents.