



20 December 2018

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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Request

Our Ref: 2018-0189

I refer to your official information request received on 23 November for:

"...for the last five years, the number of sexual harassment incidents, personal grievances, complaints or otherwise where the victim/complainant has entered into a non-disclosure agreement with your agency.

Please provide a total number for each year

Please provide the total cost of legal fees for these agreements".

Information being released

Please find in the table below, the number of employment related matters where a non-disclosure agreement was entered into with the State Services Commission (SSC) over the last 5 years.

Year	Number of Incidents
2018	0
2017	0
2016	0
2015	2
2014	2
2013	1

Non disclosure agreements are matters managed by the SSC Legal Services team in the course of their day to day work. Costs associated specifically to the work carried out on a non-disclosure agreement, is not recorded by SSC. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, on the grounds this information requested is not held by the department.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Bruce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Bruce
Deputy Commissioner
State Services Commission