



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

29 May 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2024, requesting copies of all responses submitted to the tender for an Enterprise PAM Toolset. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Your request for copies of the responses is refused under section 9(2)(j) of the Act to enable the Ministry to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). The greater public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can continue to negotiate without prejudice.

I note the comments in your request that you *'would like to ensure that the public is getting value for money and the panel has acted without having made a decision prior to the RFP being placed on the GETS website.'*

As outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents, the Ministry is committed to selecting a solution that best meets the needs of the Ministry as well as meeting its obligations to the Five Principles of Government Procurement and Government Procurement Rules (GPR) when planning, sourcing, and managing our procurement. The Ministry has not yet made a decision on this tender.

An independent probity auditor has been appointed by the Ministry to overview the RFP processes and verify that the procedures set out in the RFP are complied with and that probity principles are adhered to.

The role of the probity auditor is to report to the Ministry and its stakeholders about compliance with the Government's Principles and Rules of Sourcing and best practice about probity, and its subsequent evaluation process.

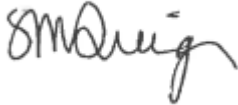
The probity auditor is not an employee of the Ministry and is an observer on the Evaluation Panel.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details removed, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request regarding the tender for an Enterprise PAM Toolset, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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