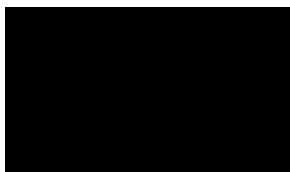


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6 May 2021



Email: 

Dear 

**Official Information Act 1982 Request – Drug and alcohol pathology/testing**

I refer to your email and attached letter dated 1 May 2021 to the Education Review Office requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. *Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?*
2. *If drug and alcohol testing does take place at the organisation:*
  - a. *Who currently provides the testing service i.e., name of service provider(s)?*
  - b. *For each (named) service provider:*
    - i. *What is the nature of the drug & alcohol testing service delivered e.g., saliva, urine, breath and alcohol and synthetic cannabinoids?*
    - ii. *In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?*
    - iii. *Is the service provided under contract? If yes:*
      1. *How many contracts does the provider have with your organisation?*
      2. *What is the term of that/those contract(s)?*
      3. *What is the dollar value of that/those contract(s)?*
      4. *Are there options for renewing that/those contract(s)?*
  - c. *What organisation(s)/company(ies) previously conducted drug and alcohol testing for your organisation (repeat all of 'b' for previous service providers)?*

In relation to question 1, the Education Review Office does not carry out drugs and alcohol testing among employees or other persons.

In relation to question 2, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

You have a right under the OIA to complain to the Ombudsman and seek a review of my decision to refuse your request for the specific information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. France', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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