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Our ref: OIA 100008

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request: Public Liability Insurance

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2022, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about insurance held by the Ministry of Justice. I will respond to your requests in turn.

1)Public Liability Insurance If yes, please provide the following information: a) Name(s) of Insurer(s) b) Limit(s) of liability c) Full copy of policy wording

The Ministry holds General & Products Liability Insurance which includes cover for public liability. The insurer is Berkshire Hathaway Speciality Insurance Company, and the limit of indemnity is \$20 million (for any one occurrence in respect of public liability).

The full copy of policy wording is withheld in full under:

- section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information and
- section 9(2)(ba), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.

I am satisfied there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information withheld under section 9 available at this time.

2)Employers Liability insurance. If yes, please provide the following information: a) Name(s) of Insurer(s) b) Limit(s) of liability c) Full copy of policy wording

The Ministry insurer for Employers Liability Insurance is also Berkshire Hathaway Speciality Insurance and the limits for indemnity are as follows:

- \$1 million in the aggregate for loss (excluding Defence Costs)
- \$1 million in the aggregate for Defence Costs.

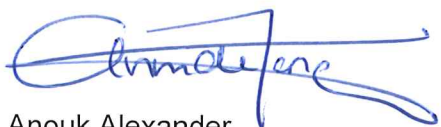
The policy wording is also withheld under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(ba). I am satisfied there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information withheld under section 9 available at this time.

3) Professional Indemnity/Liability and/or Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance If yes, please provide the following: a) Name(s) of Insurer(s) b) Limit(s) of liability c) Full copy of policy wording

The Ministry does not hold Professional Indemnity/Liability or Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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