

14 August 2018



Ms Sarah Baddeley
Martin Jenkins
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Dear Ms Baddeley

State Services Commission Inquiry into the Use of External Security Consultants

I am pleased to report that the Health Research Council has not contracted with or made use of any company or individual to provide specialist investigative or security services as defined in the letter from Martin Jenkins dated 23 July 2018.

We have reviewed:

1. Our finance system, back to 2005, for evidence of any relationship with external security consultants delivering high-level security assessments and private investigations of individuals or groups or the engagement of third parties to gather intelligence.
2. Our IT systems for platforms to exchange information with external security consultants.

We can find no evidence of any relationship of this nature nor IT platform for the exchange information with external security consultants.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KMA', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor Kathryn McPherson
Chief Executive

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