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Dear Ms Baddeley

State Services Commission of Inquiry into the Use of External Security Consultants

1. I refer to the confidential letter dated 23 July 2018 from Doug Martin addressed to all State Sector Agency Chief Executives requesting information about the use of external security consultants in general and Thompson and Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL) in particular.
2. The Law Commission is an independent Crown entity established under the Law Commission Act 1985 to keep the law of New Zealand under review in a systematic manner by providing law reform reports and papers to the Government in accordance with its programmes. In the course of carrying out its law reform work for the Government, the Commission has power to seek comments from the public on its proposals and to consult with anyone, but in the absence of a law reform project relating in some way to "external security consultants", the Commission would not in the normal course of performing its statutory functions and powers use or have any interactions or relationships with external security consultants as described in Mr Martin's letter.
3. As requested, however, we have searched our records, both online and archived, for the ten years from 2008/09 to 2017/18 inclusive and have found no record of any reference to TCIL or any payment to any of the TCIL companies.

4. To the best of our knowledge and belief, there is no reason to expect the Law Commission has had any relationship or interaction with any external security consultants or private investigators for any purpose in the ten year period. In these circumstances we would be grateful if you would confirm that no further action is required of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,



Douglas White
President

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