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Sarah Baddely  
Martin Jenkins

**By email:** sarah.baddeley@martinjenkins.co.nz

Dear Sarah

**State Services Commission Inquiry into the use of external security consultants**

1. We refer to the letter from Doug Martin of Martin Jenkins dated 23 July 2018.
2. The SFO has conducted a thorough search of its available records to determine the nature and extent of its use of external security consultants. In response to your specific queries we can advise as follows:
  - a. The SFO has not had a relationship with Thompson and Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL) or any of its associated entities.
  - b. The SFO did engage Icarus Consultants (Icarus) in November 2017 to review the SFO's overall security framework. This was a one off engagement which has now concluded with the provision of a formal report by Icarus. The work was carried out pursuant to a contract and we are satisfied that the engagement had appropriate SFO oversight and that the work delivered was appropriate and matched what was procured. We are also satisfied that this relationship does not give any cause for concern. There is otherwise no record of the SFO having engaged any other external security consultant.
  - c. The SFO did not use platforms such as Wordpress or Slack to share information with Icarus.
3. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries, or require any further detail.

Yours sincerely



**Paul O'Neil**  
General Counsel