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30 September 2013

By email: _____

Dear _____

Official Information Act request: Transpower New Zealand

Thank you for your email of 10 September requesting information relating to Transpower New Zealand's occupancy at 96 The Terrace.

Please find below the information you requested.

1. Does Transpower own Transpower House?
No.
2. If not, what is the time remaining on its current lease in December 2012?
Due to the commercial sensitivity around potential renegotiation of lease options, we cannot provide this information.
3. Did Transpower have rights of renewal? If so, how long were those renewal(s)?
Due to the commercial sensitivity around potential renegotiation of lease options, we cannot provide this information.
4. What is the nature and cost of the construction and interior work that was carried out in 2012 on the ground level of Transpower House?

In Wellington, Transpower has staff spread across multiple buildings.

To increase floor space and improve our security arrangements, Transpower moved reception from one of the internal floors (Level 7) of Transpower House to the Ground Floor. Level 7 was then refurbished to accommodate more desks and working spaces.

In addition, a further space for staff meetings both internally and externally was constructed on the ground floor adjacent to the new reception.

The total cost of refurbishing was \$1.2m.



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5. Who paid for the work?
Transpower
6. How much has been paid by Transpower (including any monies Transpower is obliged to pay as increased rental)?
There was no increase in rent because Transpower paid for the work.
7. Are Transpower staff charged for beverages in the café on the ground level of Transpower House ("the café")? If so, what are the prices for coffee?
The space on the ground level of Transpower House is **not a café** – it is a space for Transpower staff to meet internally and with our key stakeholders. We also hold CEO roadshows, monthly company gatherings and a range of other internal events in the space.

Anyone who uses the space can make themselves a hot beverage, including coffee or tea. Transpower has always provided coffee and tea to staff at all of its offices.
8. How many does the café seat or otherwise cater for?
The ground floor space has seating for around 50 people.
9. What is the number of full time equivalent staff that work in Transpower House?
There are around 450 people that work in Transpower House.
10. What is the nature of other cafés or tea and coffee making facilities in Transpower House other than those on the ground level?
Instant coffee and teabags are available on each level of Transpower buildings and some floors have small coffee machines.

I trust this meets your request for information.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Wilson
Corporate Communications Manager



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23 October 2013

Transpower New Zealand
PO Box 1021
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Attn: Rebecca Wilson

By email: Rebecca.Wilson@transpower.co.nz

Dear Rebecca,

RE: TRANSPOWER CAFÉ INFORMATION REQUEST

1. This is a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 responding to your 30 September response to _____'s request for information related to development of the ground floor in Transpower House.
2. Transpower's response says *"Due to commercial sensitivity around potential renegotiation of lease options, [Transpower] cannot provide [information on the time remaining on its current lease]"*.
3. Please tell us precisely what the commercial sensitivity is. How can a "renegotiation" with the owner of Transpower House be affected by releasing information they must already know? If you mean that Transpower are in negotiation with third parties about other property, please provide information that would indicate how long that negotiation started after the completion of the works referred to in Mr Farrar's information request.
4. In addition we request:
 - (a) All internal staff newsletters (including those of electronic form) since 1 January 2010 that refer to the development or staff use of the ground floor café/meeting space.
 - (b) Any photos held of the ground floor café/meeting space before or after the development.
5. Finally, of the 450 full time equivalent staff working in in Transpower House, how many work for Transpower? Do employees of other organisations have access to the ground floor café/meeting space?

6. We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden on Transpower. If clarification of any of our requests is needed, please call or email. Likewise, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust it to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please also get in touch.

Yours faithfully
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union



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11 November 2013

Mr Jordan Williams
Executive Director
New Zealand Taxpayers Association
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Dear Jordan

Re: Official Information Request – Transpower New Zealand Ltd

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 October 2013. Please find below a response to your inquiries.

- 1) The current lease at 96 The Terrace expires in 2014. The commercial sensitivity we referred to in our response to [redacted] was around renegotiation of the lease arrangements as we are yet to decide whether to re-enter into these arrangements with the landlord.
- 2) Internal newsletters
We do not produce internal newsletters at Transpower. I have however attached below some news articles that appeared on our Intranet when The Wire was completed.
- 3) Photos
I have included two photos of the space prior to it being refurbished – one of the small office space that The Wire now occupies, and one of the ground floor lobby where reception now resides. I have also included a photo of the new space – The Wire.
- 4) All 450 staff work for Transpower. Only Transpower staff have access to The Wire. Transpower staff are able to meet with both internal and external people for meetings and appointments in The Wire.

I trust this meets your request.

Yours sincerely

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Intranet story 1

From Patrick Strange, CEO

Good morning everyone.

This morning, we opened The Wire at 96 The Terrace and moved reception to the ground floor.

Moving reception does two things. First, it puts our public face at the entrance, where it should be. We are proud to be Transpower and visitors and staff should be welcomed as they enter the building. Secondly, it lets us unlock the lifts and doors within the building to promote easy access between groups.

The Wire gives us an area where we can engage and collaborate with each other, and with our guests. I am delighted with how it has turned out, and special thanks to members of The Wire panel for all their input.

Why spend this money on a new café-style space? The Wire was surprisingly inexpensive, given we were moving reception. Most of the fittings are made from our own 'kit', including insulators, power poles, cable drums, and single line diagrams on the windows, and items like the coffee machines are leased. And much of it will be transportable if we ever decide to move buildings. But even if we hadn't been able to save money by recycling our old kit (and by not having a ceiling!), the investment would have been worthwhile.

If you are visiting from one of our other offices, please use this facility for a break between meetings, to work wirelessly or to catch up with Wellington colleagues. You are all welcome to take external guests into The Wire for your meetings. And if you are an early riser like me, I'll see you there for breakfast.

Patrick



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Intranet story 2

The Wire opens its doors

Patrick and the GMT opened The Wire on Tuesday morning with a 'wire cutting' ceremony and morning tea.

The Wire is a space for us to engage and collaborate. It will help us find out what's going on, and get to know each other. If you are visiting from one of our other offices, please use The Wire for a break between meetings, to work wirelessly or to catch up with Wellington colleagues.

Opening times and security:

Reception hours remain unchanged, 8:00am – 5:15pm. The Wire will be open from 7:00am – 6pm.

Two speed gates have been installed in the entrance foyer which will allow us to be less restricted when moving around the building. You will need to swipe your card at the gates to enter and exit.