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By email: S 9(2)(a)

Dear S 9(2)(a)

State Services Commission Inquiry into the Use of External Security Consultants

I refer to the letter from Doug Martin dated 23 July 2018, regarding the State Services Commission Inquiry into the use of external security consultants.

Public Trust has reviewed its use of "external security consultants" over the past 10 years and has not identified any interactions with Thomson and Clark Investigations Limited or its associated companies.

Due to the nature of its business, Public Trust engages "external security consultants" for the primary purpose of locating missing clients, beneficiaries or other family members that it needs to contact in order to fulfil its fiduciary obligations. External security consultants are also occasionally engaged to conduct risk assessments and provide security advice and support for dealing with an aggressive client, to protect the health and safety of Public Trust staff.

The interactions with external security consultants do not give Public Trust any cause for concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

Bob Smith Chief Executive Public Trust

Cc: State Services Commission (commission@ssc.govt.nz)