

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**(Reply due (2 days after due in Minister's office))**

**WPQ 11814 (2016) – DR MEGAN WOODS to the Minister supporting Greater Christchurch Regeneration**

Has Southern Response hired any private investigators in the past three years; if so, why, at what cost and for what reason?

**Hon Gerry Brownlee (Minister supporting Greater Christchurch Regeneration) replied:**

To address the concerns Southern Response had for the safety of its staff and contractors, in January 2014 it engaged Thompson & Clark, a security agency which holds a private security and investigation licence, to provide ongoing risk management services, office security reviews, and other one off project work such as security services at Annual Public Meetings. As of 15 September 2016, \$177,349.56 has been paid to Thompson & Clark for these services.

Private Secretary  
(Canterbury Earthquake Recovery)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hon Gerry Brownlee  
Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

Date: \_\_\_\_\_