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Dear Mr Blair

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 24 October 2019 for:

- "1) What are the names of the men and women that currently make up the Interagency Committee on the Health Effects of Non-ionising Fields?
- 2) How many members are a) Qualified experts in the field of medicine? And how many are b) Non-medical, electrical and telecommunications technicians and industry representatives?"

I will answer your questions in turn:

1) What are the names of the men and women that currently make up the Interagency Committee on the Health Effects of Non-ionising Fields?

This part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

2) How many members are a) Qualified experts in the field of medicine? And how many are b) Non-medical, electrical and telecommunications technicians and industry representatives?"

The names of the organisations represented by the members of the Committee can be found in the terms of reference which is publically available on the Ministry of Health's (the Ministry's) website: https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/environmental-health/non-ionising-radiation

The Ministry is aware of two people on the committee with medical qualifications and at least a further six people with health qualifications.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely

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