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Dear Mr Hooley

**Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 14 December 2019 for:

*“Can you please reveal the total cost that the NZ government have spent on research into 3G, 4G and 5G sub 6GHz frequencies and greater than 20GHz frequencies in the last 5 years.”*

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not commission research as research funding is allocated by bodies such as the Health Research Council of New Zealand. For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another agency subject to the Act.

New Zealand health research money tends to be allocated to projects where New Zealand has particular health problems. Research on radiofrequency fields (RF) carried out overseas is equally valid in a New Zealand context. A lot of research investigating the possible health effects of RF fields has been published, and health and scientific bodies around the world have reviewed such research thoroughly.

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 may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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