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Mrs. C Benincasa

**By email:** [fyi-request-12800-213effcb@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-12800-213effcb@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mrs Benincasa

Thank you for your official information request received on 7 May 2020 for all documentation relating to the transaction and decision made to grant Microsoft access to substantial New Zealand land for the purpose of building a regional data center.

The Overseas Investment Office (OIO) has not received any application under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 (the Act) for Microsoft to acquire land in New Zealand to build a regional data centre.

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the documentation requested does not exist.

The OIO as part of its standard processes, will be following up with Microsoft to identify whether the proposed transaction requires consent under the Act and if so when they are likely to be submitting an application.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oi@linz.govt.nz](mailto:oi@linz.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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