



CABINET OFFICE

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Ref: OIA-2020/21-0140

Dear Andrew Chen

**Official Information Act request: Facial recognition technology**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 7 September 2020. You requested:

*"I would like to request copies of all correspondence between Cabinet, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Police, the Ministry of Justice, and NZ Police with regards to the use of facial recognition technologies since 19 October 2017."*

On 10 September 2020 you clarified that by 'Cabinet' you were referring to the Cabinet Office. After checking our records, I can confirm that the Cabinet Office does not hold such correspondence.

I therefore refuse your request under section 18(e) on the basis that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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