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Dear Andrew

Official Information Act 1982 request 2021-0224 – Facial Recognition Technology

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 13 October 2020.

You requested—

I would like to request copies of any briefings, reports, or other papers provided to Ministers about the use of facial recognition technologies since 19 October 2017.

In addition, I would like to request copies of any correspondence relating to the development of Privacy Impact Assessments related to facial recognition technologies, and/or correspondence relating to a decision not to complete Privacy Impact Assessments related to facial recognition technologies, since 19 October 2017.

This letter is to advise that the Department is extending the 20 working day timeframe for response to your request pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision in your request cannot reasonably be completed within the original time limit.

The response timeframe is being extended by 15 working days. The Department's decision on your request will therefore be provided to you as soon as practicably and no later than 2 December 2020.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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