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Dear Felix

Reference: RSOC14040

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) information request dated 12 March 2014

Thank you again for your official information request dated 12 March 2014 received by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 13 March 2014. Your request was for information about which internet service providers (ISPs) use the Digital Child Exploitation Filtering System (the Filter), and in particular:

- confirmation about the number of ISPs participating in the Filter
- the name of each participating ISP and the date they joined
- the date that any ISP left the Filter (if applicable), and
- the number of clients participating ISPs are putting through the Filter.

Number of participating ISPs, the year ISPs joined and whether any ISP has withdrawn

As of 13 March 2014 ten ISPs were participating in the Filter:

- 2Degrees
- Airnet
- Kordia
- Maxnet
- Telecom
- Telecom Wifi
- Telstra
- Trademe
- Vodafone
- Xtreme

No ISPs which have joined the Filter have subsequently withdrawn.

I have been advised that due to naming and other organisational changes in the ISP sector, that it would be necessary to undertake research to provide you with information about the year that each ISP began participating in the Filter. Could you please confirm if you continue to require this information? If you confirm you still require this information, I will respond further with a date by which it can be provided.

Number of clients filtered

The total number of ISP clients filtered since the Filter was introduced was reported in the 'Filter Statistics to Date' section of the December 2013 Independent Reference Group Briefing (http://www.dia.govt.nz/Censorship-IRG-Briefing-December-2013). The Department of Internal Affairs does not hold this information for each ISP.

I am refusing this part of your request under s18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by the Department and I have no grounds for believing it is held by any other organisation subject to the OIA.

If you are dissatisfied with my decision to refuse information you have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman about the extension. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10152 Wellington or by phoning 0800 802 602, or via email at, info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Again, thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

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