



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
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Dear Dillon Pentz

Official Information Act request OIA 21/22 - 0305

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request transferred from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 12 October 2021. Your request sought the following information:

"I am interested to know the following details about the computer used by the Prime Minister that she described as having "froze", leading to the delay of the 4PM Alert Level announcement on the 20th of September:

- 1) The manufacturer and/or model of the computer.*
- 2) The specs of the computer.*
- 3) The operating system being used on the computer."*

Response to your request

The Department's Ministerial Secretariat and Services (MaSS) group provides services and advice to Ministers.

The Parliamentary Service, who are not subject to the Act, provides administrative and support services to Members of Parliament including information and communications technology support.

The Parliamentary Service provide computer hardware and standard operating software to Ministers as part of their entitlement as Members of Parliament.

We have consulted with Parliamentary Service, who have advised that the Prime Minister has a corporate laptop running Windows 10. I am withholding more specific technical information under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Ministers, members of organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

In this response, where section 9 has been relied on, I do not consider that the reason for withholding this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make it available.

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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