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Tēnā koe Victoria,

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2021, transferred from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'...all relevant documentation - papers, discussion documents, meeting notes, emails, or any other relevant information - about implemented and planned co-funding arrangements with Microsoft that the ministry has entered into since the last general election.

Please include a list of all beneficiary organisations, companies, NGOs, or collectives, or co-partners, for each co-funding arrangement, as well as their financial plans and data on Microsoft and the Ministry's provision of funds to them.

Please note when the Ministry first entered into discussions with Microsoft about co-funding arrangements, and include any strategy documents or discussion documents that arose from those discussions (also providing those).

If there are overarching documents about this new social and economic model that the Ministry has produced, or has been guided by and produced by another Ministry, business or institution, and list the names of those documents, briefly describing the contents of each.

Finally, please provide a list of all of the other technology companies that the Ministry has discussed the same co-funding arrangements with.'

As per MBIE's correspondence to you on 21 October 2021, your request was transferred to the Department for a response. I have interpreted your request to refer specifically to 'implemented and planned co-funding arrangements'. On that basis, the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) has no implemented and planned co-funding arrangements with Microsoft. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

The Department does have a commercial relationship with Microsoft, that supports agencies' use of Microsoft's products and services in line with the Government's Procurement policies. More information is available here at: www.digital.govt.nz/products-and-services/products-and-services-a-z/microsoft-cloud-software-and-services-agreement/.

We intend to publish this letter to www.dia.govt.nz, with your personal details removed. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the purpose of the Act to enable effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies, and to promote the accountability of Ministers and officials.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information is available on the website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Naku noa, nā



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