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Tēnā koe Victoria,

Thank you for your follow-up email of 11 November 2021, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'...please provide a list of organisations partnered with government departments and corporate bodies.'

As noted in our previous response to you, sent on 11 November 2021, the Department has a commercial relationship with Microsoft that supports agencies' use of Microsoft's products and services in line with Government Procurement Rules.

The Department is the Lead Agency for New Zealand's Microsoft Cloud, Software and Services Agreement. This is an all-of-government Microsoft licencing agreement covering a range of Microsoft services, and leverages the scale of New Zealand's government agencies as a single customer. On 11 November 2021, we referred you to the www.digital.govt.nz website. This holds more information on this agreement and other digital products and services available to government agencies.

In your follow-up request of 11 November 2021, you clarified that you are interested specifically in information relating to Government departments' partnerships with multinational tech companies, such as Microsoft, on a range of initiatives, either directly or through other agencies.

The Department does not hold a list of such partnerships, nor does it track or hold information on the relationships between other agencies and their digital service providers.

I therefore am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

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 to seek an investigation and review of my decision under section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint to the Ombudsman is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Naku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Balakrishnan', written in a cursive style.

Anita Balakrishnan

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