

8 December 2022

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Our ref: F31506
 By email

Dear Marcus

Official Information Act request: data on 406MHz registered devices

I refer to your email of 24 November 2022 in which you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following:

“I would like to request details on how many beacons are currently registered on the 406mhz database in total and also broken down into the following category's:

Number of beacons registered by all brands/manufacturers eg. Ocean signal, Breitling, Jotron

Number of EPIRBs registered total

Number of PLBs registered total

Number of ELTs registered total

If possible could this be also displayed on a year by year basis over the past 10 years? Also, if possible can it be shown per region?”

The table below shows the number of beacons registered in New Zealand from 2013.

YEAR	ELT (aircraft)	EPIRB	PLB	Not yet determined
2013	193	1926	6225	0
2014	266	2241	7092	1
2015	226	3228	7270	0
2016	170	2259	8586	0
2017	174	2072	8801	1
2018	179	2389	9868	4
2019	204	2356	9400	1
2020	181	2216	11000	1
2021	179	2501	11064	6
2022 (as at 6 Dec)	212	2305	8807	16

Your request for the brands / manufacturers of beacons and the region it is located are refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the request cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. To collate the information requires Maritime New Zealand to go through each registration one by one and determine the brand and manufacturer of the beacon. Because of the way our database is configured, this information cannot be extracted in a reportable manner.

I have also considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the Act, however I do not consider that it would.

More information about registering a beacon in New Zealand, and information on getting your beacons coded in New Zealand can be found on www.beacons.org.nz. If you wish to discuss this response, please feel free to contact Jamie Campbell at 04 577 8042 or freephone 0508 225 522.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Allan', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Justin Allan
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