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Ref: DOIA 2223-1310

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Tēnā koe Utkarsh

Thank you for your email of 14 December 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Can you please provide us with the information of the Australian website operating in New Zealand with a New Zealand domain name.

The business running online is not registered in New Zealand .

The Disputes Tribunal has returned our application stating they don't have jurisdiction over the Austin company.

Can you please let us know the reason freelancer.co.nz is operating in New Zealand Zeland freely but does not seem to follow any NZ laws.

What will be the best agency to seek further information as they are not a registered business in New Zealand.

MBIE has searched the Companies Office register and has not been able to find a company named 'FREELANCER TECHNOLOGY'. MBIE does not hold any other information that can assist you with your query.

If you have concerns about the domain name, these may be directed to the Domain Name Commission at: <https://dnc.org.nz/enquiry-form/>.

MBIE is therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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