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Tēnā koe C Pieters

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

'AS/NZS 2772.2:2016 Radio Frequency standard is available to me for a fee. This standard is being used by contractors installing Telecommunications facilities throughout Australia and New Zealand. This standard should be free and transparent to anyone living in New Zealand or Australia. Can I please have a copy of this standard in all its entirety including any amendments to date. I will not accept an explanation of the standard, I would like the standard itself as it sits in its entirety.'

This letter is to notify you that MBIE is refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you have requested is publicly available. The information is available for a charge from the Standards New Zealand website. The particular standards of relevance that can be purchased on our website are: [NZS 2772.1:1999 :: Standards New Zealand](#) and [AS/NZS 2772.2:2016 :: Standards New Zealand](#).

I can advise that there are three public libraries across New Zealand (Auckland City, Wellington and Christchurch City) that hold copies of standards for the public to freely access. If the particular standard you require is not available at your local library, then purchasing the standard from standards.govt.nz is always available to you.

As a self-funding organisation, Standards New Zealand is required to generate the revenue required to meet its operating costs. Standards New Zealand relies on revenue from organisations which commission the development or revision of New Zealand and joint (Australia/New Zealand) standards and adoption of international ones, and revenue from the sale of these publications. In doing so, Standards New Zealand is required to consider principles of cost recovery as provided for in the Standards and Accreditation Act 2015, namely equity, efficiency, justification, transparency and flexibility.

Standards are also subject to copyright, which means royalty payments need to be made to copyright owners such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and Standards Australia. Most New Zealand Standards include content which are subject to such copyright arrangements. This is another reason why they are available at a cost.

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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