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Kia ora Campbell,

The information you requested - CAS-709421-W5F0R3

I refer to your request for information dated 30 March 2023 regarding the cellular/ internet network infrastructure on streetlights roll out.

I will answer your questions in the order you have asked them.

This is to request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 copies of all publicly available information (i.e published information that does not require a LGOIMA to access) regarding the cellular/ internet network infrastructure on streetlights rollout across Auckland.

To our knowledge there is no rollout programme of work. Telco's are entitled under Section 136 of the Telecommunications Act 2001 to install cellular towers in the road reserve and equipment on Auckland Transport (AT) streetlight poles [subject to reasonable conditions imposed by AT, typically locations of cabinets, and are subject to the code known as the National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities 2016 (NESTF)], Note "All publicly available information" by its nature is publicly available and potentially accessible via Google searches or similar, depending upon the information sought. To our knowledge, AT has no information in the area of "the cellular/ internet network infrastructure on streetlights rollout" because as far as we are concerned there is no 'rollout' taking place which AT is a party to.

This is to also request copies of any procurement, tender or partnership documentation relating to this development, and copies of any regulatory impact statements (or similar), recommendations or reports generated that relate to the rollout of cellular/ internet network infrastructure on street lights/ AT controlled property across Auckland.

There is no procurement or tender documentation available as AT is not a party to any "rollout or development" by Telco's who make their own decisions in these areas. AT does have written agreements with Telco's covering fees for administering the advice from Telco's as to where they wish to establish new sites (or improve existing equipment). AT have not generated any such reports as Telco's have rights granted to them by legislation and we can only ask them to reposition or move from their preferred spot (more or less) for road safety reasons.

Your request for tender, procurement documentation, regulatory impact statements and reports is therefore declined under Section 17 (e) of the LGOIMA as the information does not exist.

Should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Wallace', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Wallace

Group Manager Road Asset Maintenance & Renewals