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Dear Lee

I refer to your request of 28 January 2015 under the Official Information Act 1982 for information on electricity meters and the Electricity Act 1992.

You have asked whether an electricity meter is covered by the definition of "works" in the Electricity Act 1992 and, if not, how (and where) it is defined in that Act.

Electricity meters do not form part of "works". Works are essentially the lines, poles and transformers used by electricity generators and lines companies to convey electricity. Works generally end at the boundary of a property at the "point of supply". This is explained in a document on the Electricity Authority website at [www.ea.govt.nz/operations/retail/retailers/retailer-obligations/customer-service-lines/](http://www.ea.govt.nz/operations/retail/retailers/retailer-obligations/customer-service-lines/).

An electricity meter is not defined elsewhere in the Electricity Act 1992.

You will find terms related to meters defined in the Electricity Industry Act 2010, which is publicly available at [www.legislation.co.nz/](http://www.legislation.co.nz/). That Act provides for the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (the Code), which sets out the duties and responsibilities that apply to electricity industry participants and the Electricity Authority.

There are specific definitions related to electricity metering in Part 1 of the Code, which is available at [www.ea.govt.nz/code-and-compliance/the-code/](http://www.ea.govt.nz/code-and-compliance/the-code/).

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Bridges

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