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Tēnā koe Chris

Thank you for your email of 4 December 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Please provide the list of all of the ownership of entities of Telco Infrastructure Equipment in New Zealand*

*Broken down as follows*

*Telco Provider*

*Infrastructure owned by - if owned by funds can you break down to include the majority shareholders of the funds*

*Can you also tell me the total number of masts across the country in 2010 versus today's date - effectively total number of masts per square kilometre of New Zealand*

MBIE is unable to identify and provide a list of entities that own telecommunications equipment in New Zealand as MBIE does not hold this type of information.

Please note that shareholder information is publicly available on the Companies Register at: [New Zealand Companies Register \(companiesoffice.govt.nz\)](https://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz).

MBIE is unable to provide a total number of masts in New Zealand as MBIE does not hold information specific to masts, but does hold information on licensed radio transmitters. The total number of individual licences in December 2010 was 39,516 compared to a total of 55,073 individual licences in December 2023.

Please note that information about radio licences and their locations is publicly available on the Register of Radio Frequencies at: [Search the Register of Radio Frequencies \(RRF\) | Radio Spectrum Management New Zealand \(rsm.govt.nz\)](https://www.rsm.govt.nz).

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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