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Tēnā koe Wendy Pond

Official Information Act request relating to Public safety from cell towers

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 26 August 2024. You requested:

“Please supply records of the independent research carried out by NZ government with the purpose of establishing the integrity of the ICNIRP standard adopted by NZ government and used to protect public safety from cell towers in New Zealand.”

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to your request. I believe such information is held by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

It is already outside of the ten working day time limit for transferring a request, for which I apologise. We had considered we may hold relevant information; however, following consultation we have determined this request is best considered by the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor as originally addressed. In the circumstances, I have extended the time-limit available to make this transfer under section 15(A) of the Act. This extension was required because of the consultation needed to make a decision on your request. I apologise for the delay in transferring your request.

The Prime Minister has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request. After consultation with the Prime Minister’s office on this transfer, we anticipate you will receive a fulsome response to your request much sooner than the legislated 20 working days.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Nākū noa, nā

Amy Teague
Manager, Ministerial Services