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Dear Mr Lee

Thank you for your email dated 3 July 2015 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, which was transferred to me on 20 July 2015, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The ultra-fast broadband project was recently expanded from 75% to at least 80%. I would like to know how this percentage is decided upon, so can I please request copies of the documents you have related to this.*
- *Also I would like to know if there are figures about how much it would cost to extend UFB coverage to more than 80%, if so I would like that too.*

The decision to extend the ultra-fast broadband (UFB) programme from 75% to 80% of the population was based on a National party campaign promise and therefore under section 2 of the Act any information held does not fall within the definition of 'official information'.

Cabinet considered the proposal to extend the UFB programme on 9 March 2015. I am refusing your request for this information under section 18(d), as this information is publicly available, and can be found at:

<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/budget/2015/other-a-d>.

Information on costings was included in this Cabinet paper; however, this has been withheld under section 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams
Minister for Communications