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Dear Mr Brewer

Thank you for your email dated 8 July 2015 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- 1.) *Was there a tender process for the 2014 Broadband Map?*
- 2.) *What was the selection criteria that led MBIE to engage NZRS in a joint project?*
- 3.) *What is the development budget for the 2014 Broadband Map?*
- 4.) *What is the ongoing funding for the 2014 Broadband Map?*
- 5.) *Did all New Zealand telecommunications providers receive this request letter?*
- 6.) *If not all providers received the letter, which ones did?*
- 7.) *What percent of providers contacted supplied data?*
- 8.) *Has an updated map of broadband coverage been produced?*
- 9.) *Has a Broadband Quality and Availability tool been produced?*
- 10.) *Has the joint project announced it holds information about existing telecommunications infrastructure to parties bidding on RBI2 funding?*
- 11.) *Has the joint project provided GIS files of network coverage to any telecommunications providers?*
- 12.) *Has information provided to telecommunications providers also included information on availability of existing RBI services provided by Chorus and Vodafone?*
- 13.) *Have Chorus and Vodafone been provided access to any new data as a result of the joint project?*

I respond to each of your questions accordingly.

1.) Was there a tender process for the 2014 Broadband Map?

No. This was not a procurement project and no taxpayer funds have been used to develop the new Broadband Map.

- a) The existing government broadband map was developed by the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) prior to the establishment of the Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) and Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) programmes, and was intended to identify customer demand for broadband in areas with low investment, and indicate to telecommunications providers where further investment was needed.
- b) With the introduction of the UFB and RBI, the need for the map ceased, and it was not within MED's priorities to update it.
- c) New Zealand Registry Services Limited (NZRS) expressed an interest in providing this information, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) discussed the potential for this work to also provide detailed network coverage information that would be useful for MBIE's work, and whether NZRS would be willing to take on responsibility for the old coverage data held by MBIE. In return MBIE supported NZRS in its efforts to obtain information from providers, and lent its support to the development of the updated Broadband Map.

2.) What was the selection criteria that led MBIE to engage NZRS in a joint project?

There was no selection criteria as this was not a procurement project (please also refer to question 1).

3.) What is the development budget for the 2014 Broadband Map?

The new Broadband Map was funded by NZRS and therefore MBIE did not have a development budget for the updated Broadband Map.

4.) What is the ongoing funding for the 2014 Broadband Map?

The new Broadband Map was funded by NZRS and therefore MBIE does not have ongoing funding for the updated Broadband Map.

5.) Did all New Zealand telecommunications providers receive this request letter?

MBIE does not have this information as NZRS undertook all correspondence with providers. MBIE and NZRS worked together to identify a list of telecommunications providers to contact.

6.) If not all providers received the letter, which ones did?

MBIE does not have this information. NZRS was responsible for contacting providers using a list provided by MBIE, which is attached. The telecommunications providers who were contacted may not be limited to those on the attached list.

7.) What percent of providers contacted supplied data?

MBIE does not have this information. This is held by NZRS.

8.) Has an updated map of broadband coverage been produced?

Yes. This is available on <https://koordinates.com/publisher/BroadbandMap/sets/>

9.) Has a Broadband Quality and Availability tool been produced?

Yes. This is available at www.broadbandmap.nz

10.) Has the joint project announced it holds information about existing telecommunications infrastructure to parties bidding on RBI2 funding?

The tender document for RBI2 funding has not yet been released.

11.) Has the joint project provided GIS files of network coverage to any telecommunications providers?

MBIE does not hold this information, NZRS does. MBIE understands that NZRS will only provide network providers GIS files of network coverage which correspond to the network provider in question.

12.) Has information provided to telecommunications providers also included information on availability of existing RBI services provided by Chorus and Vodafone?

Information on Chorus and Vodafone RBI services is publicly available on the websites of these network operators.

13.) Have Chorus and Vodafone been provided access to any new data as a result of the joint project?

MBIE has not provided access.

Yours sincerely



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List of local wireless companies

Airnet NZ Ltd (NOW)
Airstream Networks Ltd
Altra Internet
Amuri.net
Araneo Ltd
Bush Wireless
Clova Community Connect
Compass Communications Ltd
Countrynet Limited
Evolution Wireless Consultants Ltd
Farmside Ltd
Fishnet Connections
Gisborne.net.nz Limited
Headquarters N.D.C
HQ WiFi
Inspire Net Ltd
Kordia Group
Mount Campbell Networks Ltd
Netspeed Data Limited
No. 8 Wireless (Rural Link Ltd)
Northland Connect Ltd
NZWireless Ltd
Primo Wireless Limited
RiverNet Ltd
Rural Link Ltd
Scorch Communications Limited
Skynet Data Communications Technology Ltd
Swiftnet
Taylor Communications
Teamtalk
ThePacific.Net Ltd
ThinAir Communications Ltd
Ubergroup Ltd
Unifone NZ Ltd
Ultimate Mobile
VelocityNet – Invercargill
WASP NZ Limited
WIC NZ Ltd
Wireless Web
WIZwireless Limited
Woosh Wireless Ltd
Ynet
Yrless Limited
Zelan