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Dear Nigel

Thank you for your request dated 9 November 2015 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The total amount collected under Section 89 of the Telecommunications Act (The Telecommunications Development Levy)*
2. *Details on how the funds collected have been distributed under Section 90, including the total amount that is currently unspent.*

The following table specifies the total Telecommunications Development Levy (TDL) funds collected over the five years the TDL has been in operation, as at the end of the 2014/15 financial year. It also states how funds have been spent under Section 90 of the Telecommunications Act 2001.

Description	Section under Telecommunications Act 2001	Amount
TDL funds collected	Section 89	\$250,000,000
Spending on TSO charges	Section 90(a)	- \$10,634,406
Spending on non-urban infrastructure development	Section 90(b)	- \$221,519,000
Spending on upgrades to the emergency service calling system	Section 90(c)	- \$0
Spending on other purposes	Section 90(d)	- \$0
Remaining funds		\$17,846,594

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TDL funds are only able to be used for the purposes set out in section 90 of the Telecommunications Act. TDL funds have been committed in coming years to support such initiatives as the extension of the Rural Broadband Initiative, the Mobile Black Spots Fund, the ongoing operation of the Deaf Relay Service, and the development of the Emergency Response System.

This financial information was largely collated from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (the Ministry's) Annual Reports for the past five years, so you may be interested in reviewing the Annual Reports on the Ministry's website at www.mbie.govt.nz. More information can also be found in Vote Communications documents on the Treasury's website at <http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/votehistory/commun/>.

Finally, further information in relation to the TDL can also be found at <http://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/telecommunications/industry-levy-and-service-obligations/telecommunications-development-levy-tdl/>.

Yours sincerely



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