



24 August 2012

Brodie Costello

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Dear Brodie Costello

Official Information Request for Information Relating to the Telecommunications Company Huawei

I refer to your official information request of 16 July 2012 which was transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet by the Office of the Minister of Communications and Information Technology. Your request was for *“government information regarding Huawei, particularly regarding cyber security concerns around the company. I would furthermore like to request information on the NZ government’s position on the Australian government decision to reject Huawei from gaining a contract for their National Broadband Network, and the reasoning behind why New Zealand has not rejected Huawei from aspects of New Zealand telecommunications. Any correspondence, reports, studies, papers, briefings, policy papers, or anything else that could be deemed helpful and directly relating to the above would be great.”*

I can confirm that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet holds information within the scope of your request. This information has been withheld in its entirety under the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- Section 6(a) as the making available of that information would be likely *“to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.”*
- Section 6(b) as the making available of that information would be likely *“to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by-*
 - (i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government.*
 - (ii) any international organisation.”*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Kibblewhite', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Kibblewhite
Chief Executive