

17 March 2017

By Email

Ms Lucy Ryan

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Dear Ms Ryan

OIA request - footwear on powerlines

I refer to your email of 16 March 2017, which we received on Friday 17 March. You have requested "information on the total amount spent in 2016 removing footwear from power lines". You also asked how many items of footwear were removed in that period.

Your request has been assessed under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA on the grounds that the Authority does not hold the information you have requested, and we have no reason to believe that any other agency covered by the OIA would hold the information.

If you would like the costs of removing footwear from an individual electricity distributor's lines, you would need to contact the distributor direct. Alternatively, you could contact the Electricity Networks Association (ENA), which is a body that represents the 29 distribution companies in New Zealand. ENA may be able to assist you with the information you are looking for. The contact details for ENA are on ENA's website at <http://ena.org.nz/contact-us/>.

You are entitled to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision to refuse the information you have requested. The address for contacting the Office of the Ombudsmen is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
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Yours sincerely



Carl Hansen
Chief Executive