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Dear Mr Meyer

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2017, to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"a copy of all information received by CERT (NZ) regarding the "WannaCry"/"WannaCrypt" worm/ransomware outbreak that occurred on the 12th of May 2017."

In my letter to you dated 31 May 2017, I advised you of the following three pieces of publically available information used by CERT NZ to draw information relating to the "WannaCry" ransomware outbreak.

Information	Date	Source/Location
1. FBI Flash Advisory on Wannacry	13 May 2017	Copy provided, but also available at: https://nhisac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/FLASH_WannaCry_FINAL.pdf
2. Fidelis Barncat threatfeed	12 May 2017	Available publically at (free sign up required): https://www.fidelissecurity.com/resources/fidelis-barncat
3. Alien Vault Open Threat Exchange	12 May 2017	Available at (free sign up required): https://otx.alienvault.com/

We invited you to narrow the scope of your request due to its breadth and complexity, so we could accurately assess the material for release without substantial amount of collation, assessment, and consultation. As no further clarification of the request was received we have proceeded to assess your request based on the original terms.

I have identified 1274 data records, documents and emails which contain information within the scope of your request. As we noted in our previous letter, CERT NZ's work on threat identification involves gathering information from a range of sources, including other national CERTs and high value international security feeds to inform our reports of what's relevant to New Zealand.

This information is provided in confidence, under non-disclosure agreements or common information sharing protocols such as the Traffic Light Protocol. The ability to receive and share information in this way is essential to how we develop and provide advice.



The remaining documents, emails, and data records are withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- s6(a) – release of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
- s6(b)(i) – release of the information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government; and
- s9(2)(a) – withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- s9(2)(ba) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—
 - i. would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied;

I do not consider that the withholding of the information in these documents is outweighed by other circumstances which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Pope', written over a faint circular stamp.

Rob Pope
Director, CERT NZ