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Dear Daniel

Information Request – Selcat format used by FENZ radios and message coding for different calls

Thank you for your request, received by Fire and Emergency New Zealand on 17 April 2018, for the following information:

- *What SelCal format is used by FENZ radios? Is it MDC 1200?*
- *And what Message Coding is sent for different Calls, i.e. Routine, Priority, K1, K55, etc responses irrespective of the ID receiving it?*

Your request has been assessed in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). For the purpose of assessing your request, we have assumed that 'Selcal' to mean the *Selective Calling Data* transmitted in the course of our emergency service radio communications.

A decision has been made to withhold the information your asked for. This is because we consider that:

- withholding the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public, pursuant to subsection 9(2)(e) of the OIA; and
- making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial, pursuant to subsection 6(c) of the OIA.

We note that the Radiocommunications Act 1989 provides that certain offences with respect to radiocommunications. In particular, section 133A of that Act sets out that:

133A Offence to disclose contents of radiocommunications

(1) Every person commits an offence against this Act who receives a radio communication and who, knowing that the radio communication was not intended for that person,—

- (a) makes use of the radio communication or any information derived from that radio communication; or
- (b) reproduces or causes or permits to be reproduced the radio communication or information derived from that radio communication; or
- (c) discloses the existence of the radio communication.

We do not consider that, in the circumstances of this particular case, the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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 black ink, appearing to read 'L Deuchars', written in a cursive style.

Leigh Deuchars
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