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Dear Stephen,

## Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act request dated 19 June 2019 for the following in relation to the population density tool:

- the Privacy Impact Assessment for this work
- a description of the technique used for anonymisation of cell phone identifiers if this is not explicitly described in the PIA.

The Privacy Impact Assessment for this work can be found on the Stats NZ website at the following link – <a href="https://www.stats.govt.nz/privacy-impact-assessments/privacy-impact-assessment-for-population-density">https://www.stats.govt.nz/privacy-impact-assessments/privacy-impact-assessment-for-population-density</a>. This document includes descriptions of how privacy is both ensured and maintained, noting that Data Ventures receives anonymised, aggregated data from the source company, it does not have access to the raw, individual data.. It also describes the way Data Ventures will apply additional techniques to add greater confidentiality to the data.

Given the above, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

Further information about the work of Data Ventures can be found at the following link, which may be of interest – <a href="https://dataventures.nz/">https://dataventures.nz/</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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