

Michael Vaughan

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Dear Michael Vaughan

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 24 August 2020 for information on the Interagency Committee on the Health Effects of Non-ionising Fields (the Committee). Information in response to your questions is outlined below:

*“Which of these members has been employed by (or contracted by) a telecommunications company?”*

The representatives of the telecommunications sector are employed or contracted by a telecommunications company. As an employee of EMF Services, Martin Gledhill may be contracted by telecommunications companies to provide exposure assessment services (usually by measurements) or provide scientific advice. The Ministry of Health does not require CVs from members so is not aware whether any other members may have been employed or contracted by telecommunications companies.

*“What is the process whereby these individuals become members of this committee?”*

The agencies, organisations or sectors represented on the Committee nominate their members. Academic members are appointed by the Director-General of Health.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely



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