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Dear Mason

Response to your Official Information Act request dated 7 December 2013

Thank you for your further Official Information Act requests about the Digital Child Exploitation Filtering System (DCEFS) dated 7 and 11 December 2013, following your earlier, related request of 25 November 2013.

Again, I can confirm that the DCEFS block page does not capture, nor display any IP address or geolocation information based on that IP address. I am advised that if the page that you saw included this information, it is likely to be an unofficial page and likely to be a scam.

From our experience these scams usually include a virus that locks the computer and includes a demand for payment to in order to unlock the system. This is known as 'Ransom ware'.

The Department of Internal Affairs is unaware of any such scam being used to harvest IP address information, however there is a possibility this is taking place. There is also a potential threat in relation to your system being infected with a virus from a scam page.

I am advised that you may wish to consider seeking a professional assessment on your system by a qualified service technician.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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