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Dear Tim

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 12 September 2020 in which you asked for:

Name the 94 porn sites DOC staff made direct access requests to, as mentioned 11/11/2019 in an NZ Herald article.

To provide some context, in this instance the term “direct access request” means typing the website name into the search bar or clicking on a link in the webpage. Advertising passing through websites often has these links in it.

URLs for porn sites are frequently embedded in advertising on legitimate sites which means people can be referred or directed to blocked sites. DOC’s firewall blocks links and referrals to restricted sites. Staff would be unaware their computer was trying to access these sites.

We are confident that DOC staff are not searching for adult or X-rated websites. Access to the websites is blocked in any case. If staff attempted to access adult websites, they would be automatically blocked and would get an automated message noting that the site is blocked. Contrary to the NZ Herald report, the filter system blocked 46 direct access requests to sites classified as porn sites. Further testing shows some of the links do not connect to any site while some of the other sites appear to be websites containing embedded links to blocked content.

DOC along with all public services agencies and staff sign up to the Public Service Commission Standards of integrity and Conduct. It provides the basis for ongoing trust in the State Services and protects staff by setting out clear expectations, so that everyone knows their obligations and what is required of them, see this section which relates to responsible use of government resources <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/code-guidance-stateservants/?e198=1408-responsible>. We are satisfied that staff are aware of our IT policy and are not accessing pornographic sites.

Direction and guidance for staff using the internet are set in the Department’s Use of Technology Standing Operating Procedure (SOP), and I have attached this for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Edginton
Chief Information Officer
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Te Papa Atawhai
Appendix 1: List of sites



amberandfriends.net
assets.116cd.com
badmatte.info
caio.com
cdn3.gracza.pl
celebritiesfind.com
chat100.realperson.de
chaturbate.com
consting-hancellor.com
dailytrend.club
deviant.cyberdeath.org
fishing-tips.info
imgb.androidappsapk.co
jloog.com
leyuan8.co
maorilandcourt.co.nz
mars.erp.chicv.com
memecrunch.com
promo-bc.com
repubblica.it
reswax.com
see.xxx
shaonv.co
stripchat.com
suff.co.nz
tesko.me
th.orinberi.tk
thebackseatwriter.com
theferkel.files.wordpress.com
tracker.ac66.com
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www.latitudeguiding.co.nz
www.lovewantmagazine.com
www.playboy.com
www.ring-finder.host
www.thewellingtonparty.org
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