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Tēnā koe Scott,

Official Information Act request: Year One Review of the Algorithm Charter

Thank you for your request dated 30 May 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to make a request for information relating to the StatsNZ Algorithm Charter.

At the time of the Charter's publication in July 2020 it was stated that a "scope review" was scheduled to be conducted 12 months later:

"The Charter for Aotearoa New Zealand is an evolving piece of work that needs to respond to emerging technologies and also be fit-for-purpose for government agencies. After twelve months a review of the Algorithm Charter will be conducted, to ensure it is achieving its intended purpose of improving government transparency and accountability without stifling innovation or causing undue compliance burden."

The quoted passage can be viewed here:

<https://www.data.govt.nz/assets/data-ethics/algorithm/Releasing-the-Algorithm-Charter-Office-edit.pdf>

If this review has been completed I would like to request a copy.

The review of the Algorithm Charter for Aotearoa New Zealand will be published on the www.data.govt.nz website in the near future. As such, we are refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information will soon be publicly available. Stats NZ will provide a link to the published report once it is publicly available, the link will be sent to this email address.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

It is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published on the Stats NZ website. Publishing responses creates greater openness and transparency of government decision-making and helps better inform public understanding of the reasons for decisions.

Ngā mihi nui



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