



File No. 1516-0604

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Mr Tex Edwards

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Dear Mr Edwards

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of all RBI correspondence and meeting details from cabinet, the ministers office, MBIE and the Commerce Commission, Voda NZ and Spark, between 2009 and 2015.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) has endeavoured to formulate a response to your request and has understood your request as follows:

Copies of all correspondence (emails and letters) and meeting notes, held by the Ministry, in relation to the first phase of the Rural Broadband Initiative, between the Ministry and the following organisations, Office of Hon Amy Adams, the Commerce Commission, Vodafone NZ and Spark, between 2009 and 2015.

As it stands, your request would involve collating a substantial amount of information, of which a considerable amount appears to be within scope. An initial investigation presented over 5,000 emails from a two year period held by one Ministry official alone.

The Ministry has considered asking you to refine your request, and considered suggesting you reduce the requested timeframe, and/or the number of organisations listed. However, even if both of these aspects were refined, in the Ministry's assessment, without significant clarification to specify what information relating to the Rural Broadband Initiative you are interested in, the scope would still constitute substantial collation.

On this basis, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In reaching this decision, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A(1) and 18B of the Act. However, I did not consider that taking any of these steps would allow the request to be answered.

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If you are able to clarify and refine your request, or require assistance with forming your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry via <https://fyi.org.nz/>, or at oia@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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