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Tēnā koe Spencer

### Your request

Thank you for your request, received on 11 February 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) for the following information:

*“Please confirm:*

- *whether the Authority sought or received any summary-level information from WorkSafe, MBIE Energy Safety, or distributors that would fall within DA626-retained classes; and*
- *if not, whether the Authority considers such material outside its regulatory consideration under the Electricity Industry Participation Code (including Clause 11.27).*

### Our response

On 10 March 2026, you narrowed the timeframe of your response to 2018-present.

For the sake of clarity, the Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) will respond to each part of your request in turn.

- *whether the Authority sought or received any summary-level information from WorkSafe, MBIE Energy Safety, or distributors that would fall within DA626-retained classes; and*

The Authority has undertaken reasonable research, including of compliance, audit-related, and relevant operational areas, to determine whether it holds any summary-level information sought or received from WorkSafe, MBIE Energy Safety, or electricity distributors that would fall within DA626-retained classes. No such information was identified.

- *if not, whether the Authority considers such material outside its regulatory consideration under the Electricity Industry Participation Code (including Clause 11.27).*

The material described does not fall within the Authority’s regulatory responsibilities under the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code), including clause 11.27.

Clause 11.27 sits within Part 11 of the Code, which deals with electricity registry information and information-sharing requirements. This part of the Code focuses on ensuring that industry participants provide accurate and timely information to the registry and to the Authority, and on setting rules about access to that information. It does not relate to the physical condition or performance of metering equipment.

The Electricity Industry Act does not give the Authority responsibility for assessing or regulating matters such as electrical safety, electromagnetic emissions, or health and safety risks associated

with smart meters. These matters fall outside the Authority's statutory role and sit with Energy Safety within WorkSafe New Zealand and the Ministry of Health, which are responsible for electrical and radiation safety (respectively) under separate legislation.

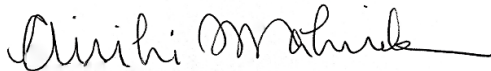
While the Authority oversees compliance with Code obligations relating to metering, for example, audit requirements and metering accuracy, this oversight does not extend to determining whether smart meters are electrically safe or meet other requirements.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Authority may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All personal data, including your name and contact details, will be removed before publication.

If you'd like to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing [oa@ea.govt.nz](mailto:oa@ea.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,



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