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IP Expert

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Dear IP Expert NZ,

Official Information Act request transfer

This letter refers to your official information request dated 29 June 2016, requesting information regarding Vodafone Xone.

The Ministry is transferring your request to Callaghan Innovation in accordance with Section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982. The request being transferred is as below:

- 1) Why was Vodafone Xone awarded a government supported accelerator contract, along side the Lightning Lab program? They seem identical: targeted at digital start-ups.*
- 2) How much money was awarded exactly ? Press releases seem to suggest \$900,000 over three years. Can you please confirm?*
- 3) How much money does Vodafone have to invest in the start-ups, alongside the government funding?*
- 4) How is this the government funding allocated and how is this monitored? Vodafone Xone's website list that every start-up (10 in total) get \$25,000 in seed funding. This equals \$250,000 a year, so where is the other \$5,000 of government money going? Is this going to Vodafone to cover their costs?*
- 5) What were the selection criteria for the start-ups receiving the money, who are they and what progress has been made?*

I cannot find any information in the public domain.

This transfer is occurring because the information you requested is believed by the Ministry to be more closely aligned with the functions of Callaghan Innovation.



They have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on this request, and you should expect to hear from them in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Witcombe', written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'A'.

Alan Witcombe
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