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Tēnā koe ^{s9(2)(a)}

I refer to your email of 22 April 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I write under the OIA to request information on export licenses which have been approved or denied under the following categories:

- *4A005: Systems, equipment, and components therefor, specially designed or modified for the generation, command and control, or delivery of "intrusion software".*
- *4D004: "Software" specially designed or modified for the generation, command and control, or delivery of "intrusion software".*
- *4E001c: "Technology" for the "development" of "intrusion software".*
- *5A001f: Mobile telecommunications interception or jamming equipment, and monitoring equipment therefor, as follows, and specially designed components therefor...*
- *5A001j: Internet Protocol (IP) network communications surveillance systems or equipment, and specially designed components thereof*
- *5D001a: "Software" specially designed or modified for the "development", "production" or "use" of equipment, functions or features, specified in 5A001f & 5A001j*
- *5D001e: Software, other than that specified in 5D001.a. or 5D001.c., specially designed or modified for monitoring or analysis by law enforcement*
- *5A004: Systems, equipment and components for defeating, weakening or bypassing "information security",*
- *6A005g: 'Laser acoustic detection equipment'*

I request confirmation of how many license applications were denied or approved per category for each of the last 10 years, as well as confirmation of the destination country of the end user as indicated in the applications.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has not approved or denied any export permits under the above listed categories in the past 10 years. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA because the information does not exist.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie-Anne Lee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie-Anne Lee
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade