

RE: Cyber Attacks on Govt Departments and Organisations

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Date Tue 11/11/2025 8:24 AM

To [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 16 October 2025 (as noted in your email below) regarding cyberattacks and cybersecurity incidents.

**A – The number and type of cyberattacks**

The FMA has a large internet presence and is therefore regularly subject to a range of cyberattacks each day. The tools used by the FMA do not support detailed data collection that would support the reporting of the nature you are requesting, and due to the complexity of extracting this data, we are unable to provide an accurate number of cyberattacks as requested. As such, we refuse your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I have also considered whether the FMA would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested, and concluded that in either case the FMA's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

**B – The remainder of your requests**

From 2023 to 2025, the Financial Markets Authority has not experienced any cyber incidents. Therefore, we refuse your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

We also note that the Financial Markets Authority is generally not able to disclose any data security issues, attacks, or events that have not already been reported, as doing so could put other agencies and their customers at risk.

**Questions**

Please let me know if you have any questions about our decision under the Official Information Act. I also note that you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman regarding our assessment of your OIA request, in accordance with section 28 of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or phone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards,

Nath

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**Subject:** Cyber Attacks on Govt Departments and Organisations

I would like to make an OIA request for the following information beginning 1 Jan 2023 and categorised by year (2023-2025)-

- the number of cyber attacks

- type of attack (illegal access/hacking, interception of internal messaging, interception of external messaging, and other (please define))
- the number of across-department attacks (multipronged)
- access route (website, social media account, computer kiosks, smart phones, other digital devices (please define))
- when did the attacks occur
- what were the demands, were they met and at what cost, and actual consequences for non-compliance with the demands and for compliance (e.g. information dumped on dark web, etc (please define))
- indicate how many people's information were stolen or taken illegally or without authorisation and what that information related to, and how many times has the information been recovered..
- where the attack involved a government contractor, please specify.
- investigation/inquiry reports into incidents and cost
- whether an incident was referred to Police or other investigatory body (please specify) and status of said case, e.g. was a person prosecuted, extradition order made, etc) and type of charge laid (blackmail eg)

Regards,

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