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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can you please tell me if Pornhub.com has been visited by staff at the Ministry between August 2018 and August 2019. Please provide the number of times staff have accessed, attempted to access or been blocked from accessing the site.*

*Please include a breakdown of the number of times it was visited and the number of times an attempt was blocked by month.*

*Please also include details of other sites staff have attempted to access that have been blocked including site names, dates and number of attempts.*

Access to the Ministry's IT and communications systems are provided for business use. While limited personal use of the internet and email is acceptable, IT and communications facilities are provided for staff to carry out the work for which they are employed. Staff are expected to use IT and communications facilities in a responsible manner, in accordance with the Ministry's Standards for Integrity and Conduct policy, the laws of New Zealand and the Public Service Code of Conduct.

The Ministry has effective security controls in place that block staff from visiting sites that are deemed to be unacceptable. All new staff to the Ministry undertake induction training which sets out acceptable use of Ministry information technology and communications facilities. This includes contractors, fixed term and permanent staff.

Ongoing education sessions, security reminders and monitoring is undertaken by the Ministry to ensure that all staff are aware of their obligations when using and/or accessing IT and communications facilities provided by the Ministry.

Further information relating to the use of IT and communications facilities provided by the Ministry to staff, is contained in the *Use of Information and Technology and Communications policy*. Extracts of this policy are attached as **Appendix One**.

Pornhub.com was not accessed by staff during the time period specified in your request. Therefore this aspect of your request is refused under section 18 (e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Details of other blocked sites that staff attempted to access, including site names, dates and number of attempts is attached as **Appendix Two**. There are many reasons that some of these sites would be in this list, some sites have been visited for the purpose of testing our security software, genuine business need or as

the result of website redirects. The Ministry retains browsing logs for 90 day periods and this is the information that has been provided to you. The period covered is the 90 days prior to 25 October 2019.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act.

The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike Porter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Mike Porter**  
Chief Information Officer

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the Official Information Act 1982

## Appendix One

*Extracts from the 'Use of Information and Technology and Communications policy'*

Ministry staff are expected to use information technology (IT) and communications facilities in a responsible manner, in line with the Standards for Integrity and Conduct.

Access to the Ministry's IT and communications systems are provided for business use. While limited personal use of the internet and email is acceptable, this is monitored to ensure internet content viewed is appropriate and staff are efficient and effective at work.

IT and communications facilities are provided for staff to carry out the work for which they are employed. Staff are expected to use IT and communications facilities in a responsible manner, in line with the laws of New Zealand, the Public Service Code of Conduct.

Limited personal use of IT and communications facilities is allowed, but this should be regarded as a privilege and not a right.

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## Appendix Two

Blocked sites where there were attempts to access by staff during the 90 day period prior to 25 October 2019.

Site Name	Number of attempts
adzouk1tag.com	1
bing.net	16
bongacams.com	1
bongacash.com	2
consting-hancellor.com	20
fgmail.com	2
hauora.info	8
hooligapps.com	1
mptentry.com	2
pattayagogos.com	1
peelette-intial.com	7
porn.com	1
see.xxx	1
sss.xxx	1
statica.site	3
stripchat.com	12
xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx	1
amisfield.co.nz	16
beernews.org	1
beersmith.com	2
bigbarrel.co.nz	28
brewbound.com	4
brewers.org.nz	20
brewersfriend.com	3
brewgr.com	2
cardronadistillery.com	2
caros.co.nz	4
church-road.co.nz	1
cliftonglamping.co.nz	2
craftbeercapital.com	16
craggyrange.com	10
dashvapes.com	4
db.co.nz	22
dbexportbeer.co.nz	1

Site Name	Number of attempts
diffordsguide.com	4
drinksupermarket.com	1
drizly.com	1
earthengine.app	11
e-cigarette-forum.com	4
edinburghgin.com	1
edinburghgindistillery.co.uk	2
eebriatrade.com	1
eskytravel.dk	10
flaviar.com	4
fortunefavours.beer	1
gimblettgravels.com	1
ginfoundry.com	4
glengarrywines.co.nz	18
gourmetencasa-tcm.com	2
greyllynnrsc.org.nz	2
growlermag.com	6
havanabar.co.nz	6
hawkesbaywine.co.nz	1
hennessy.com	4
homebrewersassociation.org	1
hudsonaleworks.com	3
ikegger.co.nz	4
imbibemagazine.com	1
innovationorigins.com	9
jamesonwhiskey.com	3
johnniewalker.com	2
lebensmittellexikon.de	4
lion.co.nz	2
liquorland.co.nz	12
liquorland.com.au	4
lottedutyfree.co.nz	13
lunaestate.co.nz	8
masterofmalt.com	4
matchbookwines.com	2
moabeer.com	16
mshanken.com	8
nakedforsatan.com.au	8

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nightlife.co.nz	1
norcalbrewingsolutions.com	1
nzhc.nz	2
nzwine.com	73
nzwinesociety.co.nz	6
originalnature.co.nz	1
parrotdog.co.nz	2
poeteray.nl	2
quality-spectrum.com	1
ratebeer.com	1
regionalwines.co.nz	43
rogueburger.nz	64
rum.nz	83
sensorywinery.com	4
societyliquor.co.nz	3
spiritedbiz.com	1
stonestrowbrewco.com	2
superliquor.co.nz	22
tahbilk.com.au	1
tanners-wines.co.uk	1
tearowine.co.nz	9
thebeerlibrary.co.nz	4
theboneline.co.nz	1
thebuildingintelligencegroup.com	7
thedrinksbusiness.com	4
thegoodwine.co.nz	5
themalthouse.co.nz	2
thenewzealandcellar.co.uk	8
thenile.io	160
thewhiskyexchange.com	7
tntssportsbar.com	1
tui.co.nz	1
tuki.co.nz	6
untappd.com	15
urbansdgplatform.org	1
viewwellington.co.nz	1
villamaria.co.nz	2
vinepair.com	3

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virginwines.co.uk	6
visitvestsjaelland.dk	2
vivino.com	6
vype.co.nz	5
wardonwine.com	1
whatsbrewing.ca	4
whiskyandmore.co.nz	16
williams-sonomawine.com	1
winecentral.co.nz	3
winefolly.com	21
wineguy.co.nz	5
winenews.it	2
winenz.com	1
winesale.co.nz	36
wine-searcher.com	20
wine-searcher.net	2
winesofnz.com	2
winespectator.com	2
winetitles.com.au	2
ijoat.com	1
wpbox7.net	10
horizons.govt.nz	1
5.45.67.97	8
5.45.79.15	9
baidu.com	8
btrll.com	2
cdnjs.io	5
cjl58f3agc.com	1
cortell.co.za	1
cryptaloot.pro	3
dsultra.com	3
forwardmytraffic.com	1
gleaminist.info	1
gmai.com	2
gstatic.com	19
hostingcloud.racing	1
javascriptcdn.stream	1
jquery.su	2

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jsecoin.com	31
kellybroganmd.com	3
robertinwoodflooring.co.nz	3
safs-2019.com	10
simplerdr14.life	2
tadfzc.com	1
tennis.kiwi	9
tenniscentral.kiwi	11
tipa.co.nz	10
wedyoulife88.live	2
wwwbooking.com	1
yotube.com	1
your-vip-prizes-here5.life	2
420bigbud.com	1
greenandvibrant.com	2
hempfarm.co.nz	1
leafly.com	2
norml.org.nz	4
bendonlingerie.co.nz	18
bendonlingerie.com.au	132
brasnthings.com	7
euphoriccollection.co.nz	18
industryresearch.co	7
lonelylabel.com	12
primadonna.com	2
thebrandoutlet.co.nz	2
zuluandzephyr.com	4
dailystormer.name	1
whale.to	1
webhost3.com.au	57
cbec.co.nz	4
connectioncdn.com	3
converge-digital.com	36
duckduckgo.com	13
expressvpn.com	4
fijisurfco.com	6
free-website-translation.com	4
get-express-vpn.com	112

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gloovids.com	27
google.co.nz	12
google.com	4273
imtranslator.net	3
lingoiam.com	2
lyricstranslate.com	8
microsofttranslator.com	70
netaddres.com	2
privateinternetaccess.com	7
purevpn.com	2
reverso.net	84
translate.googleapis.com	2
trustblox.com	3
tunnelbear.com	6
typeit.org	25
versandrinarit.info	60
vpnhub.com	2
weatherhq.in	3
worldlingo.com	2
abortion.org.nz	15
alranz.org	2
etr.org	1
healthatworkpeterborough.ca	1
aaoplay.com	2
hoolidayz28.life	2
hoolidayz36.agency	2
mahshar.com	1
newdaytoday14.life	2
ryansrally.org	1
woinz.com	5
wymks.com	8
bloody-disgusting.com	1
webwave.me	13
asgc.co.nz	6
crkt.com	10
guncity.com	6
kenziesoptics.com	1
kukriblades.com	2

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lapua.com	4
nzsurvivor.co.nz	1
pewpewtactical.com	1
powdersafe.com.au	1
pyramydair.com	3

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