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By Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 6 November 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Does the department use Hikvision and/or Dahua branded surveillance cameras
If yes, how many and at what locations?*

*Did the department use Hikvision and/or Dahua branded surveillance cameras between 2014 - 2018? If so,
when were they removed?*

In January 2014, the Ministry upgraded its electronic security and had a Hikvision (HIK) CCTV system installed. Currently there are 8 cameras, monitoring general areas in our Wellington Office. Currently the Ministry still uses the same system as it is fit for purpose and meets our CCTV requirements for general area cover.

The cameras are connected via closed circuit to a recording device which can only be accessed internally by Ministry staff and Ministry network firewalls prevent inbound and outbound connections to/from this recording device.

The Ministry is not considering any replacement electronic security system/CCTV in its current accommodation.

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.

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



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