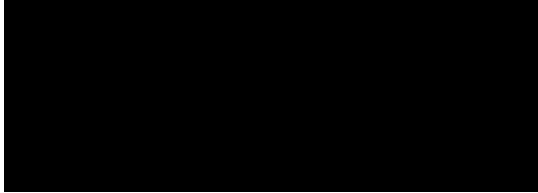




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Thank you for your email of 4 October 2019 to the Ministry of Education with the following request:

- *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.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as we do not hold this information. We only keep logs of web traffic for 60 days and therefore do not have logs for the time period you requested. The 60 day retention period was set to permit monthly reporting without imposing excessive storage costs.

We can confirm however that the website you specified is a blocked website. We use a service which automatically scans and classifies websites, on an ongoing basis. The Ministry blocks access based on this analysis. The analysis covers all devices that are connected to the Ministry's staff network and the guest network. We are unable to provide further information for security reasons.

In the event that such attempted access were discovered, the standard disciplinary processes that follow a suspected breach of the "Code of Conduct" would be followed.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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