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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0909

Dear

Official Information Act request relating to use of Signal by DPMC's Chief Executive and senior managers

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 May 2023. You requested:

"Under the Official Information Act, can you please tell me whether the chief executive and/or their senior leadership team use the Signal app on their work and/or personal smartphones to send work-related messages?"

I can confirm the Chief Executive and most of the senior leadership team, which is defined at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) as the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), sometimes use the Signal app on their work phones only to send work related messages. That is also the case for the Chief Executive of our departmental agency, the National Emergency Management Agency, and some of its leadership team.

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You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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