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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

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"I write seeking access to documents concerning de-identified statistical data on computer offences under the Criminal Law Consolidated Act 1935 for each month and year from 2009 to 2021 where a person has been charged, prosecuted, convicted or fined on each of the following elements:

- 1. Misuse of a computer or electronic communications,
- 2. Unauthorized (sic) access to data stored in a computer system,
- 3. Unauthorized (sic) modification, falsification or concealment of data stored in a computer system.
- 4. Unauthorized (sic) deletion of a record stored in a computer system.
- 5. Any misleading impression or existence or terms of a transaction to which the document appears to relate,
- 6. Unauthorized (sic) impairment of electronic communications to or from any computer,
- 7. Data surveillance on a person where a business owner or owner of a computer license (sic) engages in conduct to facilitate manipulation of data or to deceive or cause a benefit to someone else about the data true state of affairs.
- 8. Use of a computer in technology facilitated abuse to track a person's communications,
- 9. Damaging evidence with intent knowing something is or may be needed in evidence for judicial proceedings,

I am not seeking any personal affairs information in this request and are (sic) happy to receive this information in a prepared table format of data...."

Please refer overleaf.



It is determined to **release in full** the data that falls within the scope of your request. It should be noted, however, that:

- SAPOL does not collate or maintain statistical information relevant to instances 'where a person has been... prosecuted, convicted or fined.'
- The statistical information is only available from December 2018 onwards.

The data has been presented in the below table, which delineates the number of charges under Section 86 of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935* (CLCA) for sections 86E, 86F, 86G, 86H and 86I by calendar month from December 2018 to June 2021. The information is correct as at 29 July 2021.

Law	Year	Month	Law Section	Law Short Description	Charges
Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935	2020	February	86E(1)(a)(i)	USE COMPUTER ACCESS TO FACILITATE COMMISSION OF OFFENCE	6
Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935	2020	February	86F(1)(a)(i)	USE COMPUTER TO COMMIT PROHIBITED ACT IN OTHER JURISDICTION	18
Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935	2020	February	86I(1)(b)	POSSESS/CONTROL DATA TO COMMIT SERIOUS COMPUTER OFFENCE	4
Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935	2020	June	86E(1)(a)(i)	USE COMPUTER ACCESS TO FACILITATE COMMISSION OF OFFENCE	1
Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935	2020	September	86E(1)(a)(i)	USE COMPUTER ACCESS TO FACILITATE COMMISSION OF OFFENCE	1
Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935	2020	December	86E(1)(a)(i)	USE COMPUTER ACCESS TO FACILITATE COMMISSION OF OFFENCE	1

Yours sincerely

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Officer in Charge

Freedom of Information Unit

(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

3 August 2021