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Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to copilot and AI licenses within NEMA

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 January 2024. You requested:

*“1. Does NEMA have any active Copilot for Microsoft 365 licenses?
If so, how many, and what is the total cost of this licensing?”*

2. If not, does NEMA license any competing generative artificial intelligence (Gen AI) or large language model (LLM) services?”

Before responding to your request, it is important to note that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is a departmental agency within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). As such, NEMA's IT services, including software licensing and IT support, are provided through the Central Agency Shared Services (CASS) which was set up to provide sustainable corporate services – information technology, information management, human resources and finance – to central government agencies, including DPMC.

Our response

In response to your questions, I can confirm NEMA holds no known active licenses for Copilot for Microsoft 365, generative artificial intelligence (Gen AI), or large language model (LLM) services, through CASS.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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