

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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16-17357

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Subject

Cyber Attacks and Cyber Security

Details of enquiry

1. Has your organisation completed all of the government's '[10 steps to cyber security](#)'?
 - Yes
 - No

2. Have you suffered Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) cyber attacks on your network in the last year?
 - Yes
 - No

3. If so, how many DDoS attacks did you experience during 2016?
 - a. Attacks occur weekly or even daily
 - b. Attacks occur monthly
 - c. Less than a handful of attacks during the entire year

4. Has your organisation ever been the victim of a DDoS attack which was used in combination with another type of cyber attack, such as a demand for ransom/ransomware, network infiltration or data theft?
 - Yes
 - No

5. How does your IT team detect that your organisation has suffered a DDoS attack?
 - End-users complain of a service issue
 - High bandwidth spikes with other network security tools
 - Infrastructure outages/failures, (e.g. firewalls went down)
 - Application failures, eg. Websites going down

6. Does your method of DDoS mitigation detect sub-saturating DDoS attacks of less than 30 minutes in duration, which do not typically overwhelm the network?

- Yes
- No

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7. Has your organisation completed all of the government's '[10 steps to cyber security](#)'?
- ~~Yes~~
 - No**
8. Have you suffered Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) cyber attacks on your network in the last year?
- ~~Yes~~
 - No**
9. If so, how many DDoS attacks did you experience during 2016?
- d. Attacks occur weekly or even daily
 - e. Attacks occur monthly
 - f. Less than a handful of attacks during the entire year
- Not applicable**
10. Has your organisation ever been the victim of a DDoS attack which was used in combination with another type of cyber attack, such as a demand for ransom/ransomware, network infiltration or data theft?
- ~~Yes~~
 - No**
11. How does your IT team detect that your organisation has suffered a DDoS attack?
- ~~End users complain of a service issue~~
 - ~~High bandwidth spikes with other network security tools~~
 - ~~Infrastructure outages/failures, (e.g. firewalls went down)~~
 - Application failures, eg. Websites going down**
12. Does your method of DDoS mitigation detect sub-saturating DDoS attacks of less than 30 minutes in duration, which do not typically overwhelm the network?
- ~~Yes~~
 - ~~No~~
 - Don't know**