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Tēnā koe Sebastian,

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 22 November 2021 seeking copies of the following documents from the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS):

1. Joint Intelligence Customer Centre Programme Business Case
2. Low-Side Programme Business Case
3. The Current NZIC Four Year Plan

As the documents you have requested related to both the NZSIS and the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) we are providing a joint response to your request.

The Joint Intelligence Customer Centre Programme was funded within existing baselines by the NZSIS, GCSB and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. As this programme did not meet the criteria set by The Treasury to require a business case, and was an internal change proposal, no such document was prepared. As such, we must refuse your request for this document under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document you have requested does not exist.

We must refuse your request for a copy of the Low-Side Programme Business Case under section 6(a) of the OIA. This business case includes detailed information regarding the NZSIS and GCSB's capabilities and operational processes and release would be detrimental to the security and defence of New Zealand.

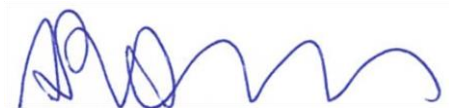
On 30 November 2021 you clarified with our office that the NZIC Four Year Plan you are seeking is a high-level overview produced for the current four year investment period, similar to a document previously released by The Treasury¹. The document you are referring to was prepared for the NZIC Strategy, Capability and Resourcing Review in 2016; a similar document has not been prepared for this four year period. The document most relevant to your request is the *Statement of Strategic Intentions for the GCSB and NZSIS for 2020 – 2024*, which was presented to the Intelligence and Security Committee in September 2020. Please find a copy attached.

¹ <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2017-11/b16-3534344.pdf>

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oa.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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