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Tēnā koe Scott

Official Information Act Request

We refer to your email of 15 August 2022 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) from the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) and Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) ("the Agencies"). This response to your request is prepared by the Agencies jointly.

On 18 July 2022 and 8 February 2022 you requested a copy of the *NZSIS-GCSB Joint Policy Statement: Management of Human Rights Risks in Overseas Cooperation* (JPS). Our response to those requests was to make the information you requested available by way of summary, as provided for by section 16(1)(e) OIA, as the release of that information would likely prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the OIA, namely the security or defence of New Zealand, or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Further to those requests, on 15 August 2022 you requested the following related information:

- *ONE: I would like to request copies of all records of the engagements between GCSB and NZSIS and the Office of the IGIS on the revision of the Human Rights Risks in Overseas Cooperation JPS, including all IGIS comments on the revision and GCSB and NZSIS' responses to these comments.*
- *TWO: If NZSIS and GCSB had engagements with any other agency on the revision of the Human Rights Risks in Overseas Cooperation JPS, I would like to request copies of all records of these engagements also.*

You were advised on 12 September 2022 that the time limit for responding to your request had been extended to 27 September 2022 because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Response

The information you have requested is enclosed. It includes a series of emails between the Agencies and the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, and an email from the Agencies to a number of other government agencies regarding the revision of the

JPS. Some information, notably identifying and contact details, is withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

A series of letters between the Agencies and the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security is also within scope of your request. These letters detail the content of the JPS and, as with your previous requests for the JPS, we are making the information you have requested available by way of the summary, as provided for by section 16(1)(e) OIA, as the release of that information would likely prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the OIA, namely the security or defence of New Zealand, or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact information@gcsb.govt.nz or oia.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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