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Tēnā koe Scott,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 20 July 2022 seeking legal advice or briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on New Zealand's obligations in relation to the law of torture. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in part, transferred your request to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) on 3 August 2022.

Response

The GCSB holds one document in-scope of your request. I am withholding the document in its entirety under section 6(a) of the OIA. The release of this document would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Review

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.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

Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki

Director-General, GCSB