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Peter Graham
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Dear Peter Graham

Official Information Act Request Information Relating to Journalist Mr Jon Stephenson

I refer to your information request of 28 July 2013 asking whether the Prime Minister has *"signed a warrant to allow either the GCSB or the SIS to intercept Jon Stephenson's phone calls or otherwise collect information on his phone calls."*

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) does not release information about intelligence warrants. To do so could potentially jeopardise the NZSIS's investigations and breach the privacy of the individuals concerned. It has already been publicly stated, however, that Mr Jon Stephenson was not of interest to the NZSIS. Therefore, no warrant was sought to monitor him and the Minister in Charge of the NZSIS has not signed a warrant.

The GCSB does not disclose publicly what warrants it has requested. In this case, however, I can confirm that the GCSB has not sought a warrant to intercept Mr Jon Stephenson's phone calls or collect other information relating to his phone calls and the Minister Responsible for the GCSB has not signed a warrant.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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