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Dear Mr Langan

Official Information Act request

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 April 2021, in which you ask the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) for details of the international travel costs incurred over the past three financial years, including budgeted costs and actual amounts spent, broken down by financial year.

Some information about the Chief Executive's travel expenditure is publicly disclosed on an annual basis as part of the requirement for Chief Executives of government agencies to declare their expenses. Information for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years is published on the GCSB's website (www.gcsb.govt.nz) – search for 'expense disclosure'.

Beyond this publicly available information, I am declining your request for details of the budgeted and actual expenditure on international travel incurred by the GCSB for the past three financial years under section 6(a) of the OIA, as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

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.

Yours sincerely

Bridget White

Te Tumu Whakarae Rangitahi mō Te Tira Tiaki
Acting Director-General of the GCSB