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REF: IR-01-21-22725

Dear Mr Kern

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 22 July 2021 requesting information relating to consultation completed for your previous request, IR-01-21-18487. You requested:

"I am fine with the delay but would like to request to add a copy of the consultation correspondence to the final release, specifically interested in the party names to consult and sections of the released information to be consulted."

Your request has been considered in accordance with the OIA and I enclose the following information:

As you are aware, although Police notified you on 6 July 2021 of a five working day extension to your previous OIA, the consultation for your request was able to be actioned earlier than anticipated, and your response was released within the original legislated timeframe.

The response to your previous OIA request underwent internal consultation and review with the following roles prior to release:

- Acting Director International Services Group
- Senior Advisor Ministerial Services
- Assistant Commissioner Security and International
- National Manager Strategic Communications

In each of these instances, review was of the response in its entirety, as per Police's standard consultation process.

I have attached a copy of the consultation correspondence for your reference. Redactions have been made to this document under section 9(2)(a) of OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased natural persons, and section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

Please note that some reviewers approved a hard copy draft of the response without making any changes, therefore no correspondence relating to their reviews is held.

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Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

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Lee Hodgson
Director Ministerial Services
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