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Tēnā koe Oscar

### **Official Information Act 1982 request 2021-0401 – Person of Interest codes**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 11 November 2021.

You requested –

*I request any documentation and information relating to the attachment of POI (person of interest) or other such codes that are applied to a people's legal identity for surveillance or other government reasons. Ie the system used to record that an individual supports an extremist group.*

On 24 November 2021 you clarified your request, confirming you were seeking the following in relation to Person of Interest (POI) codes:

*A breakdown of the of codes assigned to each person in your system, ie the list of codes (with their meanings) that are possible to be applied and how many are applied to each person.*

On 9 December 2021, the Department notified you that it would be extending the timeframe for response to your request by 5 working days, pursuant to sections 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the Act. This brought the final response date for your request to 16 December 2021.

In response to your request, I must first advise that the Department does not record any information or POI codes about an individual's connections to extremist groups and organisations.

However, I am able to provide you with Appendix A, attached. Appendix A provides you with a breakdown of the following information:

- *Table one - List of Passports POI codes with count of active alerts*
- *Table two - List of Determinations Confirmation System (DCS) person alert codes with count*
- *Table three - Count of Citizenship Operations System (COS) Person Alerts*
- *Table four - Count of active Customer Centred Management Solution (CCMS) Person Alerts*

It is important to explain that the systems COS and CCMS do not have 'POI codes' or 'alert codes', only person alerts. Person alerts have a free text narrative and are often used by the Life and Identity Services Officers processing applications to place reminders on files, i.e. to follow

up with an applicant for supporting documentation required for an application. This means that the alerts captured in tables three and four will include a number of reminders in addition to person alerts.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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