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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0654

Dear Sebastian

Official Information Act request relating to Counter-Terrorism review documents

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 22 November 2021. You requested:

- 1) *Independent Review of Current Activity and Development of a Counter-Terrorism Strategy by Steve Long (2015)*
- 2) *Review of Arrangements for Coordinating National Security and Intelligence Priorities by Jacki Couchman (2013)*
- 3) *Counter-Terrorism: A review of the New Zealand CT landscape by Simon Murdoch (2013)*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

I am advised that there is no 2015 document written by Steve Long with the title "*Independent Review of Current Activity and Development of a Counter-Terrorism Strategy*". As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the requested information does not exist or cannot be found, despite reasonable efforts to locate it.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

section 6(a), to prevent the prejudice of the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; and
section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Item	Date	Document Description/Subject
1.	May 2013	Counter-Terrorism: A review of the New Zealand CT Landscape
2.	July 2013	Review of Arrangements for Coordinating National Security and Intelligence Priorities

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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