



NEW ZEALAND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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Mr Alex Harris

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Dear Mr Harris

Official Information Act Request

1. Thank you for your e-mail of 15 July 2014 making a request under the provisions of the Privacy Act 1982 (OIA).
2. You have asked on how many occasions in the past year the Director of Security has consulted the Leader of the Opposition and, for each occasion, you have requested the date and, if known, the duration of the consultation.
3. As at the date of your request the following contact had taken place between the Leader of the Opposition and the Director of the day over the previous year.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Nature of Contact:</u>	<u>Duration:</u>
Monday 13 May 2013	Meeting	30 minutes
Wednesday 20 November 2013	Meeting	one hour
Tuesday 3 December 2013	Meeting	30 minutes
Thursday 13 March 2014	Meeting	30 minutes
Monday 7 July 2014	Telephone conversation	10 minutes

4. You are correct in your assumption that the topics of consultation are unable to be disclosed and are withheld under the provisions of section 6(a) [prejudice security] of the OIA. Additional withholding grounds are sections 6(c) [maintenance of the law], 9(2)(f)(iv) [confidentiality of advice] and 9(2)(g)(i) [free and frank expressions of opinions] of the OIA.

5. Where information is withheld you have the right under section 28 of the OIA to make a complaint to an Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Kitteridge

Rebecca Kitteridge
Director of Security