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Tēnā koe S Hill

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) of 28 February 2022, in which you ask the following:

 What is the security status / designation of the WEF (World Economic Forum) by the NZ SIS?

Response to your request

I have interpreted your question as asking whether the World Economic Forum is designated as a terrorist entity. The Terrorism Suppression Act 2020 provides for a list of terrorist entities to be established and maintained in New Zealand. The World Economic Forum, which I understand is an international non-governmental and lobbying organisation, is not on this list.

Roles and functions of the NZSIS

I thought it might be useful to explain more about the NZSIS's roles and functions. Our role is to keep New Zealand and New Zealanders safe and secure. Our priorities, called the National Security and Intelligence Priorities (NSIPs) are set by the New Zealand Government.

A list of current NSIPS can be found on the dpmc.govt.nz website, and include counter-terrorism, foreign interference, global economy, emerging technology, malicious cyber activity, regional stability, and space.

Review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia.privacy@nzsis.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

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Ngā mihi

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