

From: [Stallah Valaau](#)
To: [Laura Christen](#)
Cc: [Kate Satterthwaite](#); [Sophia Collinson](#)
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group
Date: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 5:26:32 pm
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Hi Laura,

Sorry for the late response. Sophia is correct in her response to your questions.

In terms of asking NZSIS, I'm quite sure we did didn't consider this necessary as the paper being referred appears to be a collaboration between Stats NZ and Custom, despite being mentioned in NZSIS response to an OIA.

Attached are relevant emails from Customs, Dr Nessa Lynch and yourself.

Hope this information is helpful but let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

Stallah Valaau (pronouns: he/him/his)

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From: Laura Christen <xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 2:20 PM

To: Stallah Valaau <xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Cc: Kate Satterthwaite <xxxx.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>; Sophia Collinson <xxxxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

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Hi [@Stallah Valaau](#) – thanks so much for discussing this OIA request with me just now and I hope

your power gets restored soon!

As discussed....

Re: Sophia's question below, I understand that we did not reach out to NZSIS about the discussion paper.

Re: our consultation with Customs (as discussed in Sophia's response below) could you please send me your record of the correspondence you had with Customs so I can keep it on file for the request I am handling.

Thanks so much for your help.

Cheers

Laura

From: Sophia Collinson <xxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 11:58 AM
To: Laura Christen <xxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx>; Stallah Valaau <xxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx>
Cc: Kate Satterthwaite <xxxx.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx>
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Kia ora Laura,

Thanks so much for your email.

Stallah and I worked on this OIA together, so I have looped him in. My responses are below:

Did we confirm with Customs specifically that they do not have the discussion paper on file? **Yes – Stallah contacted customs and confirmed that they did not have a copy of the paper. If you need dates for that correspondence, Stallah can help with that.**

Did we ask NZSIS whether they hold a copy of the discussion paper? **I'm not sure - @Stallah?**

Did we do a thorough search of our own records for the discussion paper? **Yes – my understanding is that Policy and the Little Office both checked our files. I myself did a check, and presumably Stallah did also.**

Sophia

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From: Laura Christen <Laura.Christen@stats.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 11 April 2022 5:13 pm
To: Sophia Collinson <Sophia.Collinson@stats.govt.nz>
Cc: Kate Satterthwaite <Kate.Satterthwaite@stats.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Hi lovely Sophia

As per Kate's text I need to ask you about the attached OIA response, as it addresses a request for "**the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency**" and I am handling a similar request.

(Here's the relevant part of the response, for context)

THREE: A copy of the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency

We recognise that a document released under a separate OIA request on the FYI.org.nz website (see here) contains reference to "Stats NZ had done some work with Customs New Zealand and written a discussion paper regarding the dimensions of security vs. transparency". We have made the assumption that this forms the basis of your 31 January request, although the information does not appear to relate to the DEAG.

For clarity, we are not aware of any meetings between the DEAG and Customs NZ and are unable to find any material indicating that any meetings took place. We have consulted with Customs NZ and the DEAG on your request and they have confirmed that neither hold that information. For this reason, we have determined that the discussion paper referred to does not exist, and therefore refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act.

For my response, I need your help to establish what steps we took to determine that the discussion paper in question does not exist. Specifically...

Did we confirm with Customs specifically that they do not have the discussion paper on file?
Did we ask NZSIS whether they hold a copy of the discussion paper?
Did we do a thorough search of our own records for the discussion paper?

Thanks so much in advance for your help!

Laura

From: Sophia Collinson <Sophia.Collinson@stats.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 March 2022 2:56 PM
To: fyi-request-18386-385c0cd1@requests.fyi.org.nz
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Tēnā koe Scott,

Please find attached a response to your Official Information Act request dated 31 January 2022, which was extended until 15 March 2022.

Sophia Collinson ([pronouns: she/her](#))

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From: Sophia Collinson <xxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Sent: Friday, 4 February 2022 10:00 am

To: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx

Subject: RE: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Tēnā koe Scott,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your Official Information Act request dated 31 January 2022. You requested the following information:

I would like to make a request for the following information relating to the Stats NZ Data Ethics Advisory Group:

ONE: A copy of the Martin Jenkins review of the Data Ethics Advisory Group

TWO: Copies of the agendas and minutes of all meetings held since October 2020

THREE: A copy of the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency

FOUR: A list of all discussion papers written by the group since its formation, including the title of the paper, date it was published, and agency that the paper was written for (if any)

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than Tuesday 1 March 2022, being 20 working days after the day your request was received taking into account national public holidays. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

Your request is being handled by the Office of the Government Statistician and Chief Executive. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us. If additional factors come to light which are

relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott <xx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx>

Sent: Thursday, 3 February 2022 6:05 PM

To: Info Mailin - Shared Mailbox <xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Subject: Re: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Dear Statistics New Zealand,

I was just wanting to follow up to ensure this had been received and you are actioning my request. Could I have an acknowledgement of receipt please?

Yours faithfully,

Scott

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott <xx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx>

Sent: Monday, 31 January 2022 3:31 PM

To: Info Mailin - Shared Mailbox <xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Subject: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

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Yours faithfully,

Scott

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