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Dear Mr Jones

## Official Information Act Request Relating to NZSIS Information Released

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 22 August 2014 for the following information:

- *“could you please provide briefing papers provided to you by your office in regards to the Dr Tucker meeting regarding the Phil Goff OIA request, that led to your statement on August 8, 2011 in the post-cabinet press conference*
- *who from your office met with Dr Tucker when it was briefed regarding the Phil Goff OIA request*
- *what capacity/role were the person(s) that met with Dr Tucker in?*
- *if the information was still classified at the time of the meeting, and discussed, did all people meeting with Dr Tucker hold appropriate security clearances?”*

In response to the first part of your request, I can confirm this Office was informed by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) of official information being released to Cameron Slater. No briefing papers were provided to this Office from NZSIS other than confirmation that official information was being released under the Official Information Act. Accordingly, this part of your request is formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act *“that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found”*.

I can confirm no meeting with any staff member from this Office took place with Dr Tucker regarding official information being released to Cameron Slater about the NZSIS briefing to Mr Goff. Accordingly, the remainder of your request is also formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act *“that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found”*.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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