



21 October 2022

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0177

Dear Scott

Official Information Act requesting documents related to the ODESC, NCMC and NSG responses to the Christchurch terror attacks

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 27 September 2022. You requested:

“ I would like to make a request for documents relating to the ODESC, National Crisis Management Centre and National Security Group responses to the 2019 Christchurch terror attacks and memorial service (Operation Deans and Operation Unity). I would like to request copies of:

ONE: The agenda, minutes and action points for all ODESC meetings for Operations Deans and Unity, dated between 15 March and 3 April 2019.

TWO: A list of all documents submitted or tabled at these meetings, including the title, agency of origin and date submitted or tabled.

THREE: All ODESC notes prepared for the Prime Minister on the topics of Operations Deans and Unity, dated between 15 March and 3 April 2019.

FOUR: The agenda, minutes and action points for all meetings of the Operations Deans and Unity ODESC Watch Groups, dated 15 March to 3 April 2019.

FIVE: All reports submitted to ODESC by the Operations Deans and Unity ODESC Watch Groups, dated 15 March to 3 April 2019.

SIX: All National Crisis Management Centre situation reports and intelligence summaries produced for Operations Deans and Unity, dated 15 March to 3 April 2019.


SEVEN: The report-back of the National Security Group to the Security Intelligence Board and Prime Minister on the topic of the implementation of the recommendations of the Post Operation Deans National Security System Review (June 2019), which was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019.”

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 40 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 21 December 2022.

The extension is required because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations are needed before a decision can be made on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Noonan".

Margaret Noonan
Acting Manager, Ministerial Services