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Mr Brett Mainwaring
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Dear Mr Mainwaring

I refer to your request dated 15 October 2014, in which you request answers and information on the following:

- *"Does the GCSB record, in any way, the volume of metadata or communications content that is collected and/or analysed in any way by the Bureau or other Government agency?"*
- *Does the GCSB record, in any way, the location of origin or destination of this same metadata or communications content?"*
- *If the GCSB does retain such records of surveillance, can you please provide the documentation detailing, at the least, the volume of metadata or content that is collected or analysed in any way?"*
- *Any additional information, for example a visual representation of the statistics, regarding the processing or collection of metadata or content."*

The GCSB does not record the volume or location of origin/destination of metadata or communications content therefore I decline to provide details under the provisions of section 18(e) of the Official Information Act (the Act) on the grounds that it does not exist.

Although some statistics for individual programmes are kept, this information is withheld under section 6(a) of the Act as release of the information would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

In accordance with section 19 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the refusal by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ian Fletcher", written over a horizontal line.

Ian Fletcher
Director