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Emily Kay

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Dear Ms Kay

Official Information Act Request for Information on the report of Cheryl Gwyn, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

I refer to your official information request received on 1 December 2014 seeking the following information: *"copies of emails and timetabled events from your office concerning the release and content of Cheryl Gwyn's IGIS 2014 Report"*.

I have understood your request to mean you are seeking information on the timing and decision of Ms Gwyn's to release her report into issues around the release of information by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service to the public on 26 November 2014.

I can advise this Office held discussions with the Office of the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS) concerning the Prime Minister's travel schedule and when the Prime Minister was likely to be travelling overseas. This information was provided to Ms Gwyn to consider as part of her decision concerning the release of her report to the public. This was so the Prime Minister would be available for responding to any questions after the release of the report. The report was not at this stage complete and the timing of the release of the report was a decision for Ms Gwyn.

The Office of the IGIS also discussed with this Office that the date of 17 November 2014 was being proposed to make Ms Gwyn's report publically available. However, this did not end up being the date the report was released. Sometime between 17 November and 21 November the Office of the IGIS advised this Office that Ms Gwyn would be releasing her report on 25 November 2014 and that this later date was necessary for the proper completion of her report. This Office does not hold any documentation of the telephone conversations between staff in this Office and staff in the Office of the IGIS but the information outlined above is the best recollection of these events by the relevant staff in this Office.

No communications between this Office and the Office of the IGIS regarding the content of Ms Gwyn's report have been identified.

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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