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Dear John

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 24 August 2023. You asked for information regarding He Aranga Ake.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

**1. The total number of individuals who are being monitored by or are involved in the de-radicalisation processes it relates to He Aranga Ake**

The total number of persons in the He Aranga Ake framework (HAA) is supporting to disengage is currently eight. HAA does not have a monitoring function.

**2. The region of New Zealand in which each individual resides**

Due to the current small numbers of persons within HAA, the providing of regional information, especially if combined with the information sought in your question 3, could lead to the identification of those involved.

This information is withheld under the following grounds:

- section 6(c) of the OIA, as the making available of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial
- section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(c) of the OIA, to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.

**3. The specific ideological or faith-based component (motivations detailed in Know the Signs) for which they are being investigated or interacted with as a result of the He Aranga Ake framework**

Due to the current small numbers of persons within HAA, providing the specific breakdown of ideology is withheld under the following grounds:

- section 6(c) of the OIA, as the making available of this information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial, and
- section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- section 9(2)(c) of the OIA, to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public

4. **The specific agencies involved in each individual case (i.e Police, NZSIS, DPMC, NAB, GCSB, Justice, Social Development, Education, Health, Corrections, and inter-agency organisations such as CTAG**

DPMC, NAB, GCSB, Justice and CTAG are not involved in the operation of HAA.

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Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information outlined in questions two and three are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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