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Tēnā koe Marcus

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 16 March 2026 to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) requesting the following information:

*"I was having a browse through the proactively released "Briefing to the Incoming Minister 2023"
(<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gcsb.govt.nz%2Fassets%2FGCSB-Proactive-Releases%2FGCSB-and-NZSIS-2023-BIM-v2.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cinformation%40nzicgovt.nz.mail.onmicrosoft.com%7C6a963b5594f7489a71f908de826d9cb5%7C27dc6ab39c394134a7b2beddcf3638e6%7C1%7C0%7C639091604584486238%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIlIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QvIK%2BAPgR3y2k6z6seQXHm8B5ENdE3IM0dDd2O8r6r0%3D&reserved=0>) and noted the S6(a) redactions regarding the then-under construction Whenuapai data centre.*

Given that the data centre is now active with the name Mātai (as mentioned in the GCSB's news release from June 27, 2025), was Mātai the redacted name or was there a working name/codename for the data centre that can now be released?"

Response

I am refusing your request under section 6(a) of the OIA. Making available the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand

Review

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.govt.nz.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that the GCSB proactively publishes OIA responses in accordance with the expectations of Te Kawa Mataaho/the Public Service Commission. We intend to publish this letter (with your personal information removed) [and enclosed documents] on the GCSB website. Publication of such responses is done on a quarterly basis.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna', written in a cursive style.

On behalf of Anna Foley

Whakataka Kaupapahere me Ngā Hononga
Director Policy and Partnerships