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Dear Mr Grainger

Official Information Act Request

1. Thank you for your e-mail of 9 August 2012 requesting the reasons for the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) withholding, under section 6(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the job titles of those currently holding Top Secret (Special) security clearances.
2. I draw your attention to the text at paragraph 2(a) of my response to your original request (my reference 2906647 dated 25 June 2012), which reads:

A Top Secret (Special) security clearance is required of the staff members of intelligence organisations who may have frequent access to the highest levels of national security information.
3. Many of the job titles of those holding Top Secret (Special) clearances identify roles, responsibilities or areas of interest in the respective organisations. To provide a list of job titles would readily enable the structure, current priorities and staff numbers of the various intelligence organisations to be determined. Given the sensitive nature of these organisations and their work, I am sure you will understand why it is necessary for this information to be withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA
4. If you are unhappy with this response you have the right, under section 28(1) of the OIA, to make a complaint to an Ombudsman and seek an investigation of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Tucker'.

Dr Warren Tucker
Director of Security