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Dear Bill,

I refer to your request dated 23 December 2016 in which you request the following information:

1. *Have any New Zealand - based companies that provide geospatial technology to the GCSB provided expertise, staff, information, or technology via the GCSB - or, via other agencies - to foreign agencies such as the NSA, the CIA, or any other intelligence agencies in the USA, the UK, or the EU that has subsequently been used in drone strikes in the Middle East or anywhere else over the past decade?*
2. *If so, how many combatants or foreign fighters have been killed as a result of the provision of such services by those New Zealand-based companies, and how many civilians, or non-combatants, have been killed?*
3. *Are such statistics collected?*

Question 1

I will respond to your first question in two parts. Firstly, in accordance with section 10 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), I neither confirm nor deny whether any New Zealand-based companies that may have provided geospatial technology to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) have also provided expertise, staff, information, or technology *via the GCSB*, to foreign agencies. To do so would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand (section 6(a)).

Secondly, you ask whether any New Zealand-based companies that may have provided geospatial technology to GCSB have also provided expertise, staff, information, or technology *via other agencies* to foreign agencies. I decline to provide a response to this part of your first question under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on the grounds that GCSB does not hold this information and I have no reason to believe that another department, Minister of the Crown, or other organisation holds the information.

Questions 2 and 3

In response to your second and third questions, I will also respond in two parts. Firstly, as above, I neither confirm nor deny whether any New Zealand-based companies that may have provided geospatial technology to GCSB have also provided expertise, staff, information, or technology *via the GCSB*, to foreign agencies, and that combatants, foreign fighters, civilians or non-combatants have been killed as a result of the provision of such services. I neither confirm nor deny whether such statistics are collected.

Secondly, as above, with respect to whether any New Zealand-based companies that may have provided geospatial technology to GCSB have also provided expertise, staff, information, or technology *via other agencies* to foreign agencies, and that combatants, foreign fighters, civilians or non-combatants have been killed as a result of the provision of such services, GCSB does not hold this information.

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

Yours sincerely



Andrew Hampton
Director