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Doug Lambert
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Dear Doug Lambert

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 5 April 2017 relating to information on Operations Apate and Apate II.

The information requested is provided to you by way of summary in the compliance investigation reports for Apate and Apate II. These reports are released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and
- 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Rowe'.

Stephanie Rowe
Director Compliance