



10 August 2018

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Dear Mr Hughes

Official Information Act request for assessments prepared by the National Assessments Bureau

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 14 July 2018. You requested:

“...the assessments prepared by the National Assessments Bureau about Iraq between 1 April 2002 and 1 April 2003.”

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has identified 13 reports relating to your request. I have decided to withhold each of them (including their titles), in full under the Act for the below reasons

- Section 6(a), to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the government of New Zealand; and
- Section 6(b), to avoid prejudice to the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Howard Broad
Deputy Chief Executive, Security & Intelligence