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Ref: PMO 189-2019

Dear David Farrar

Official Information Act request for information relating to meetings with Intelligence Agencies

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 8 August 2019. You requested:

"...the following information - the number of meetings between yourself and either the Director-General of the Security Intelligence Service or the Director-General of the Government Communications Security Bureau between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2019. This should exclude meetings of the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee.

I'd like the information broken down by month, and by Director-General.

Please note I am not seeking any information about the content of the meetings, or their duration - purely how often they have occurred."

As you may know, the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, in her capacity as the Minister of National Intelligence and Security receives regular updates on matters relating to national security. I have decided to withhold the information you have requested under section 6(a) of the Act, to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff