

s.9(2)(a)

Mr

From: s.9(2)(a), Mr
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 12:26 p.m.
To: s.9(2)(a), WGCDR
Subject: RE: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill, FYI, Cryptographic Refresh Project

Thank you s.9(2)(a) That electronic whoosh sound you just heard is this OIA vanishing from your inbox. s.9(2)(a)

-----Original Message-----

From: s.9(2)(a), WGCDR
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:01 a.m.
To: s.9(2)(a)
Cc: s.9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill, FYI, Cryptographic Refresh Project

Hi s.9(2)(a)

The Cryptographic Refresh Project is a Capability Branch activity and still under action. As for the specifics Mr. Hill is requesting, I suspect much of that would be withheld under s.6(a) - either speaks to capability or finance (commercial-in-confidence?), but that would need to be tested with the CIO's team who manage the current NZDF cryptographic inventory.

Nothing more that I could add.

Regards,

Wing Commander s.9(2)(a)
Deputy Director Strategic Commitments – Global, Strategic Commitments & Engagement Branch Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
External: s.9(2)(a)

-----Original Message-----

From: s.9(2)(a), Mr
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:42 a.m.
To: s.9(2)(a)
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From: Ministerial Services

Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:39 a.m.

To: s.9(2)(a)

Subject: FW: Official Information request - OIA Request - Information surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project

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From: Alex Hill [mailto:fyi-request-10727-4db6f43f@requests.fyi.org.nz]

Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 5:00 p.m.

To: Ministerial Services <ministerialservices@nzdf.mil.nz>

Subject: Official Information request - OIA Request - Information surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project

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s.9(2)(a) [redacted], Mr

From: s.9(2)(a) [redacted], Mr
Sent: Tuesday, 16 July 2019 10:30 a.m.
To: s.9(2)(a) [redacted], Mr
Cc: s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
Subject: RE: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill, FYI, cryptographics questions

s.9(2)(a) [redacted]: A few initial comments:

1. S.6(a) [redacted]
In itself this may warrant withholding info and the governing entities will have a keen interest in our response .
2. Though nominally related to the Crypto Refresh Project (CRP) most of Hill’s questions would normally be fielded by CIS Policy. This point may be moot because that post is vacant until mid Aug but I note it all the same.
3. s.9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] of capability.

s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
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M:s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
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Regards, s.9(2)(a) [redacted]

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From: s.9(2)(a), Mr
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Sent: Wednesday, 17 July 2019 5:32 p.m.
To: s.9(2)(a), WGCDR; s.9(2)(a), Mr
Cc: s.9(2)(a), Mr; s.9(2)(a), Mr; s.9(2)(a), GPCAPT
Subject: RE: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill, FYI, cryptographics questions
Attachments: 190716 OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill Cryptographic Refresh Project.docx

s.9(2)(a) et al: Here attached is a first draft reply. I am not expert in s.6 so would welcome policy settings to support my reasoning.

Kind regards,

s.9(2)(a)

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OIA-20193573

July 2019

Mr Alex Hill

fyi-request-10727-4db6f43f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Hill

I refer to your email of 12 July 2019 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): information *surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project* –

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The safety and effectiveness of our Servicemen and women, and those of our allies, depends on their ability to communicate confidently and without compromise. Cryptography enables this and is therefore a continual target for those wishing to subvert New Zealand interests. Codebreaking takes many forms of which one is to assemble, as with a jigsaw, large amounts of apparently innocuous data to reveal a picture that can be used maliciously. All replies to questions relating to NZ Government information security, no matter how innocent, must therefore be treated with caution. The greater the technical specificity of information requested the more extreme the caution.

The answers to your questions are therefore as follows:

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^{S.6(10)} need some guidance here please.

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Remove this text: When you receive a request you need to advise Ministerial Services if the request is too large or needs to be clarified. You then need to gather all the information that is in scope, and make an assessment about release. Remember that a security classification is not in itself a reason to withhold information – each document must be assessed on its content regardless of the classification it holds. Redactions can be made to documents where justified under the OIA (see below for guidance). Discuss any proposed redactions with Ministerial Services, and make sure redactions have been completed properly (with white redaction tape or with Ministerial Services software). Please contact Ministerial Services if you think an extension will be needed to the timeframe of this request.

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Remember that a draft response needs to be with Ministerial Services within 10 working days to allow Ministerial Services time to undertake the required consultation and approvals.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A.J. WOODS
Air Commodore
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure(s):

1. Title of Enclosure 1
2. Title of Enclosure 2

s.9(2)(a), Mr

From: s.9(2)(a), Mr
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:12 a.m.
To: s.9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill, FYI, cryptographics questions

I would have thought that there might be a CIS connection. Cap Br is involved, certainly, and has started to generate a reply. S.6(a) I thought it possible that CIS might have some comment. As far as Cap Branch's basic approach, it's pretty much a "national security" response for all questions.

s.9(2)(a)

From: s.9(2)(a), Ms
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 7:40 a.m.
To: s.9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill, FYI, cryptographics questions

Hi s.9(2)(a),

I'm not sure what these are or what involvement JDS might have with them – are you thinking supply of these might be a LOG function? Or a CIS one?

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Chief of Staff Joint Defence Services, Joint Defence Services
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To: s.9(2)(a), Mr
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For Q3, I would stay with my draft, or an acceptable variation of 'no':

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WGCDR s.9(2)(a)
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<< File: OIA-2019-3573 - Alex Hill Cryptographic Refresh Project, inward draft response.docx >> Well, here's what I did with the draft response you sent me, with just the one part of the response still in highlight yellow.

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s.9(2)(a) [redacted], Mr

From: s.9(2)(a) [redacted], Mr
Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 6:08 p.m.
To: s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
Cc: s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
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S.6(c) [redacted]

From: s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
Date: Friday, 02 Aug 2019, 14:20
To: s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Official Information request - OIA Request - Information surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project

Hi s.9(2)(a) [redacted]

I thought the same and S. 6(a), 6(c) [redacted].....

Cheers all, s.9(2)(a) [redacted]

WGCDR s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
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From: s.9(2)(a) [redacted], Mr
Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 2:16 p.m.
To: s.9(2)(a) [redacted]
Subject: Official Information request - OIA Request - Information surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project

Gents,

We have rec'd this OIA request from Mr Alex Hill. He has OIA'd us in the past on other matters. He may of course be acting on behalf of others.

The reply will be declined under OIA s6A - national defence. This request though seems to indicate a degree of technical knowledge that I thought is odd for a member of the public and worth bringing it to your attention.

Happy to chat.

Regards

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COVERSHEET FOR OIA-2019-3573 – Alex Hill, FYI, cryptographic equipment

1. Primary Lead Group:	Capability Branch
2. Consultation:	DSy
3. Sign off received:	
4. Legal review:	N/A
5. OMD review:	N/A
6. MCMS review:	
7. DCOORD review:	
8. Interested parties notified:	

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Due on 9 August 2019

Blanket refusal supported by DDSy.

s.9(2)(a) [redacted] Mr

From: Alex Hill <alexhill.oia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 8 August 2019 10:11 a.m.
To: Ministerial Services
Subject: Re: [unclassified] RE: OIA Request - Information surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project
Attachments: image001.png

My apologies.

Please disregard the previous Official Information Act request.

On Thu, 8 Aug 2019, 09:58 Ministerial Services, <ministerialservices@nzdf.mil.nz> wrote:

Good morning Mr Hill,

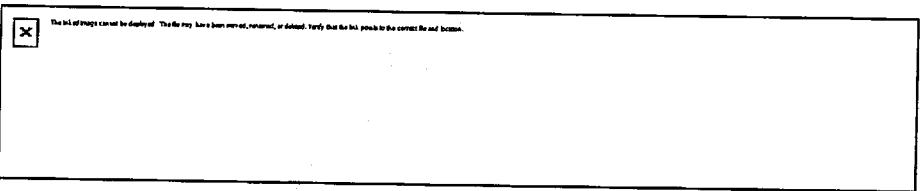
The NZDF has already received this same request from you via the FYI website on 12 July 2019.

Regards

Corporate and Ministerial Services

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To: Ministerial Services <ministerialservices@nzdf.mil.nz>
Subject: OIA Request - Information surrounding the Cryptographic Refresh Project

Dear New Zealand Defence Force,

As I understand it, the NZDF is currently undergoing a Cryptographic Refresh Project to replace the current suite of fill devices.

Under the Official Information Act, I request the following -

1. a. How many AN/CYZ-10 units (commonly referred to as the Crazy-10) does the NZDF currently have in stock;

b. When do the current AN/CYZ-10 units pass their Life Expiration date;

2. a. How many AN/PYQ-10 (SKL) units are being ordered, and what is the price per unit

b. How many KYK-30 (RASKL) units are being ordered, and what is the price per unit

3. How many specific instances in the past 5 years have cryptographic fill codes been issued to an aircraft

NB: Instances include each individual sign-out of a cryptographic unit, and is limited to red, black and HF fill.

4. When is the planned replacement date for the KY-100 units found on RNZAF aircraft.

I can confirm that I am a New Zealand citizen currently residing in New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

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