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Dear Ms Sarwar

Official information request

In my letter of 16 March 2020, I informed you that I was considering the release of some additional speeches that were in-scope of question two of your original Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request (*All interviews, speeches and lectures on the topic of the 'Role of the GCSB' from October 2017 – September 2019, November 2008 – October 2017, December 1999 – November 2008, and November 1990 – November 1999*).

I apologise for the delay in this response, the work was delayed due to restrictions in place for COVID-19.

Please find enclosed two additional speeches that fall into scope of your request. They are:

- 23 June 2015: Address to Electricity Networks Association
- 27 November 2015: Speech to the New Zealand Institute of Intelligence Professionals

Please note that there has been a minor redaction in the June 2015 speech, under section 6(a) of the OIA: protect the security or defence of New Zealand.

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) will soon be releasing to you copies of joint speeches the GCSB and NZSIS have given together (section 18(d) of the OIA applies: the information requested is or will soon be publicly available).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman in relation to my decisions in my OIA responses. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hampton', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrew Hampton
Director-General of the GCSB