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Andrew Chen

By email to: [fyi-request-13714-63893316@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-13714-63893316@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Dr Chen

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – OUR REFERENCE: IR-01-20-26373**

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request, submitted via the FYI website on 8 September 2020, which requested a copy of a recent assurance review report completed on emergent technologies, as well as a list of all groups and individuals consulted as part of the review.

With respect to the first element of your request, we intend to proactively release a copy of the assurance report - along with an update on further work undertaken since it was completed - within the next five to six weeks. As the requested report is shortly to be made publicly available, we therefore formally decline this part of your request as allowed for by section 18(d) of the OIA. (An equivalent process was followed for last year's assurance work on firearms security and storage: see [www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/national-audit-firearms-storage-and-security-summary-report.pdf](http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/national-audit-firearms-storage-and-security-summary-report.pdf)).

As to the second element of your request, the reviewers who led the work consulted internally with staff from the National Operations and Service Delivery Groups, as well as from the Legal Service Centre and Evidence Based Policing Centre. We can also confirm that subsequent conversations have been taken forward with officials from relevant agencies to discuss matters raised in the review, including from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and Statistics New Zealand. Beyond that, it would not be appropriate to identify named individuals who contributed to the review; in order to protect against there being any 'chilling effect' on the Assurance Group's work, and the willingness of staff to provide information [section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA refers]. I am satisfied the relevant interests at stake are not outweighed by any countervailing public interest in disclosing the names of specific individuals.

In closing, while it hasn't been possible to immediately provide all the information you requested, I trust this reply has nonetheless been of value. If you're dissatisfied with the response, though, you may complain to the Office of the Ombudsman, and seek an investigation and review of my handling of your request.

Respectfully



**Mike Webb**

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