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Dear Azad Khan,

## Official information request

This is part two of my response to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 4 January 2021 seeking copies of New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) assessments from 2017 to 2019. On 13 January 2021 you refined the scope of your request to *all NZSIS Security Intelligence Reports and CTAG Threat Assessments relating to domestic counter-terrorism from 2017 to 2019*.

As you will remember from my first letter, dated 30 April 2021, I have decided to grant your request, and am proposing to release four categories of information. This response provides you with the second category of information in scope of your request: Quarterly New Zealand Terrorism Updates. My office emailed you the third category of information on 11 June 2021 (documents relating to White Identity Extremism).

The following grounds of the OIA have been applied when responding to your request:

- s6(a), where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
- 6(b)(i), where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government; and
- s16(1)(e), information may be made available by giving a summary or excerpt of its contents.

### Response to your request

The Quarterly New Zealand Terrorism Updates were produced by NZSIS Strategic Analysts, and were created to provide customers with a regular strategic intelligence product on terrorism matters concerning New Zealand.

There were eight of these reports produced in total, with the first issued on 30 November 2017, and the final report issued on 21 October 2019. In two instances, graphic updates were created to supplement the written report.

I am unable to release these documents in their entirety, as doing so would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, as protected by section 6(a) of the OIA. We have considered providing you with redacted documents, but due to the amount of sensitive national security information that needs to be withheld, we believe a summary will be more helpful to you. I have therefore released the attached unclassified summary of these reports, as allowed for under section 16(1)(e) of the OIA. I have also attached the two graphic updates, with appropriate redactions.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oa.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz](mailto:oa.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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