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Dear Azad Khan,

Official information request

This is part four 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 fourth and final category of information in scope of your request: Miscellaneous and Thematic Reports.

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:
- s16(1)(e), information may be made available by giving a summary or excerpt of its contents.

Response to your request

I am releasing four reports to you, with redactions made as required to protect national security and international relations considerations (per sections 6(a) and 6(b)(i) of the OIA).

Additionally, I am releasing unclassified summaries of two reports, as allowed for under section 16(1)(e) of the OIA. 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.

Please find attached the following reports.

Date	Title	Reference
5/05/2017	The impact of ISIL's decline in Syria and Iraq on its supporters in New Zealand	DMS6-15-296
25/05/2017	Threat Assessment - NZ after Manchester attack May 2017	483/17/TA
9/06/2017	Threat Assessment - Recent Terrorist Incidents: Implications for New Zealand	498/17/TA
15/01/2018	Women and girls as perpetrators of violent extremism	DMS6-15-448

Please find attached summaries of the following reports.

Date	Title	Reference
1/08/2018	New Zealand returning foreign terrorist fighters: a threat picture	DMS6-15-532
6/08/2019	New Zealand returning foreign terrorist fighters: a threat update	DMS6-15-755

This concludes my response to your request. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia.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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Kitteridge

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumaru

Director-General of Security

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