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Ref: OIA-2020/21-0511

Dear Sebastian

**Official Information Act request: release of additional information from the 2021 Counter-Terrorism Work Programme**

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 12 April 2021. You requested:

*“...copies of these five documents underlying the Royal Commission report:*

- 1. The 2013 National Assessments Bureau assessment titled "Far Right Rising: A Dangerous Myth"*
- 2. The August 2018 draft National Risk Register; failing that, I request a copy of this document's Terrorism Risk Profile*
- 3. The September 2018 National Assessments Bureau Global Terrorism Update; failing that, I request a copy of this report's "extreme right terrorism" annex*
- 4. The 2018 Counter-Terrorism Strategic Framework*
- 5. The latest Security and Intelligence Board annual strategic assessment prior to 15 March 2019*

*And I request copies of these six documents underlying the Counter-Terrorism Strategy:*

- 1. The Counter-Terrorism System Capability Review*
- 2. The Counter-Terrorism Work Programme*
- 3. The Counter-Terrorism Implementation Plan*
- 4. The High-Level Framework for the Prevention of Violent Extremism*
- 5. The Public Information Action Plan*
- 6. The Counter-Terrorism Playbook. If the "Counter-Terrorism Handbook" is a separate document, I request a copy of this as well..."*

Our response released a number of documents to you. You asked the Ombudsman to investigate the decision to withhold some information. In the light of the provisional opinion from the Ombudsman and the time that has now passed, we have reassessed three of the documents you requested and are in the process of releasing some additional information to you.

Please find **attached** a revised copy of the 2021 Counter-Terrorism work programme releasing the final column titled 'Next Key Milestone'. You will note that a small amount of information is still withheld from the document under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand, and

- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

Where section 9 applies, no public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We are currently consulting on the release of the remaining two documents and I will write again shortly once this process has been completed.

This revised response will be published on DPMC's website as part of our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Revised copy of 2021 Counter-Terrorism Work Programme

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