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Dear Mr Langan

## **Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request of 19 April 2021, in which you ask for details of the international travel costs incurred by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) over the past three financial years, including budgeted costs and actual amounts spent, broken down by financial year.

Some information about my travel expenditure is publicly disclosed on an annual basis as part of the requirement for Chief Executives of government agencies to declare their expenses. You will find information for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years on the NZSIS website (<a href="www.nzsis.govt.nz">www.nzsis.govt.nz</a>) – search for 'expense disclosure'.

Other than this publicly available information, your request for details of the budgeted and actual expenditure on international travel incurred by the NZSIS for the past three financial years is declined under section 6(a) of the OIA, as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:oia.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz">oia.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz</a>

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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