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Tēnā koe Sebastian

Your Official Information Act request OIA20/21-0681

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“ONE: A copy of the CVE work programme

TWO: Copies of all reports-back to the Minister of Internal Affairs on progress implementing the CVE work programme, dated since the programme's inception

THREE: The 2020 briefing to the incoming Minister for Internal Affairs referenced a “longer-term strategy for preventing violent extremism online that we will brief you on shortly.” I request copies of both the strategy and briefing referenced here.

FOUR: A copy of the DVE team business plan, operating strategy and operating model

FIVE: A copy of the New Zealand Online Crisis Response Process”

There are five documents that fall within the scope of your request, these are listed at **Appendix A.**

Some information has been withheld from these documents under sections 6(a) and 9(2)(a) of the Act. These sections provide that good reason for withholding official information:

- exists if the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand; and
- is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.

The request for the document at point three of your request is refused under section 18(d), as it is publicly available. The document *Countering terrorism and violent extremism national strategy overview* can be viewed at <https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications/new-zealands-counter-terrorism-strategy>. This work is led by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Department of Internal Affairs has not provided any further briefings on the strategy to the Minister of Internal Affairs.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding this information are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

We intend to publish our response to your request on our website at www.dia.govt.nz. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Balakrishnan', written in a cursive style.

Anita Balakrishnan

Tumuaki / Director Ministerial, Monitoring, and Capability Group



Appendix A: Documents for release under the Official Information Act 1982

#	Name of document	Document date	Release or withhold	Withholding grounds
1.	Excerpts from Status reports to the Minister of Internal Affairs	8 October 2019 to 26 May 2021	Release	
2.	Preventing Countering Violent Extremism Programme Scope Document	12 March 2020	Partial release	Section 9(2)(a)
3.	Digital Safety Operating Model v1.0	September 2020	Release	
4.	New Zealand Online Crisis Response Process	Undated	Partial release	Sections 6(a) and 9(2)(a)
5.	Countering terrorism and violent extremism national strategy overview	Undated	Refused	Section 18(d)