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Dear Scott

Request for Information

Thank you for your email request dated 1 June 2021 in which you requested:

“Certain Police documents mentioned in the March 15 Royal Commission of Inquiry report and relating to the Ti21 Intelligence development programme.”

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Royal Commission of Inquiry

One

You requested a copy of the 2016 NZP New Zealand’s Islamist Extremist Landscape intelligence report (Royal Commission of Inquiry p596).

The document referred to is a product of the Security Intelligence Board and is classified.

The document has been withheld pursuant to:

- section s6(a) of the OIA as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or international relations of the government of New Zealand.

Two

You requested a copy of the “National Security Situation Update: Ramadan 2018”, release date 17 May 2018.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the OIA and we have enclosed a copy of the document that you are looking for. The document is un-redacted except for the handling instructions which are no longer relevant.

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Three

You stated that the Royal Commission of Inquiry report noted:

“There is currently no new nationwide policy in place regarding inquiries into right-wing extremism with respect to an applicant for a firearms licence, although two Districts have issued guidance for staff. The guidance material produced by the two Districts was originally an intelligence product developed by, and shared within, New Zealand Police”.

You requested copies of “the guidance in the two Districts and a copy of the intelligence product which informed this guidance”.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the OIA and we have enclosed a copy of the intelligence document that you are looking for. The document is un-redacted except for the handling instructions which no are longer relevant.

Four

You requested a copy of the Police National Security Strategy. If the Police Counter Terrorism Strategy is a separate document, you requested that as well.

The national security strategy for New Zealand Police is encapsulated in a document entitled Countering Terrorism in New Zealand.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the OIA and we have enclosed a copy of the document that you are looking for. The document is un-redacted except for the handling instructions which no are longer relevant

You may also be interested to know that a Counter Terrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy was publicly released by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), ahead of the National Counter Terrorism Hui, He Whenua Taurikura, held in Christchurch from 14 – 16 June 2021. A copy of this document is available from the DPMC website.

Five

You requested a copy of the NZSIS-Police relationship Strategy.

The document you requested is a joint agency document which is classified. However, it has been replaced by a new Joint Operating Strategy and this document is in the final stages of consultation prior to public release scheduled in July 2021. These details have been withheld pursuant:

- section s18(d) of the OIA as the information is or soon will be made publicly available.

Ti21 Intelligence Transformation Programme

One

With the appointment of a new management team in early 2020 and the disruptions due to the Police response to COVID-19 situation, it was decided that a review of the programme was in order. The result of the review is detailed in the 'New Zealand Police intelligence – Scoping and Framing' document, which is enclosed for you (it was provided for a previous OIA request).

Work is continuing with the various workstreams progress to deliver the outcomes required. A summary report has been provided to you. Of the 19 workstreams at 22 April 2021, three are closed, four are complete, eleven are on track and one has not been started (CSOM). In addition, there are five workstreams which comprise the NIC Continuing Transformation Programme (CTxP) from 2022 onwards.

Two

You requested "copies of any speaking notes for, or minutes or other contemporaneous notes taken at the Police led February 2019 Criminal Intelligence Advisory Group annual Priority Threat Assessment meeting. If any decision paper, action plan or other report was produced by Police as a result of this meeting, I request a copy".

These details have been withheld pursuant to:

- section s6(b) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the making available of this information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by -
 - (i) the Government of any country or an agency of such a Government

Three

You requested a copy of the "CIAG: Complete vulnerabilities and opportunities assessment and report to CIAG and SPOC – June 2019" which was referred to in the schedule of tasks appended to the April 2019 brief.

These details have been withheld pursuant to:

- section s6(b) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the making available of this information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by -
 - (ii) the Government of any country or an agency of such a Government

Four

You requested a "copy of both the 'intelligence profession' and 'international partners' action plans". The 'intelligence profession' engagement plan was not undertaken and the two documents that you are requesting a copy of do not exist. These details have been withheld pursuant to:

- section s18(e) of the OIA provides that requests for information may be refused in such circumstances.

Five and Six

You asked about:

1. an “options paper for an enhanced data scanning platform”, and
2. investing in “universal search and analytics tools”

and be supplied with a copy of the paper or any business case or options paper.

We currently can search all our holdings, though this does require the use of multiple software applications. This inefficiency was highlighted in the “Ti21 Framing and Scoping” document and work is ongoing to identify solutions to address this challenge.

The documents that you are requesting a copy of, do not exist. These details have been withheld pursuant to:

- section s18(e) of the OIA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

I trust this information satisfies your request. If you are not satisfied, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of my decisions.

Yours sincerely



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New Zealand Police