

27 March 2014

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Dear Mr McCarthy

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 25 March 2014 for the 2013 annual report of the Confidential Listening Service.

Please find attached a copy of the 2013 report. Some information has been withheld from the document under the following grounds of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) which allows for the withholding of information to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials; and
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) which allows for the withholding of information to maintain the conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

If you have any concerns with the decisions referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA.

Yours sincerely



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