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Dear Harold

Request for information

Thank you for your email dated 14 July 2021 requesting the following information pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982:

For every multi-agency group or forum which Police are a member of alongside a private investigation company or security consultancy, I request the following information:

- 1. The name of the group*
- 2. The date the group formed (month and year)*
- 3. The identity of all agencies and companies represented in the group's membership*
- 4. The purpose of the group*

With respect to your request I enclose the following information:

Question 1:

The only known multi-agency groups or forums which Police are a member of alongside a private investigation company or security consultancy is the Crowded Places Security Advisory Group.

Police also have a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) which does not have a specific name.

Question 2:

The Crowded Places Security Advisory Group was formed in September 2020. The LOA between Police and the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) was written in August 2018.

Question 3:

The following agencies and companies are represented in the Crowded Places Security Advisory Group:

- Combined Threat Assessment Group
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Police National Headquarters

180 Molesworth Street. PO Box 3017, Wellington 6140, New Zealand.
Telephone: 04 474 9499. Fax: 04 498 7400. www.police.govt.nz

- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Ministry of Transport
- New Zealand Police
- New Zealand Security Intelligence Service
- Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency
- Protective Security Requirements

Police and the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) are the only agencies involved with the LOA.

Question 4:

The purpose of the Crowded Places Security Advisory Group is to help owners and operators of crowded places protect the lives of people working in, using, and visiting their crowded place.

The purpose of the LOA with the NZ Security Association is outlined in the document which has been provided.

I trust that this information will be sufficient to answer your request. If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



Craig Scott
Detective Inspector
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Letter of agreement between the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Security Association (Inc)

1. This letter of agreement (LOA) confirms the relationship between the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Security Association (Inc). Both agencies share a common goal of working together to reduce crime and increase community safety and wish to formalise that relationship.
2. The Chairperson of the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) and the Commissioner of Police (or their representatives) will meet at least once a year to:
 - discuss the strategic direction, priorities and plans of each agency;
 - develop initiatives and evaluate progress towards crime reduction and community safety in those areas of common interest agreed upon;
 - discuss any appropriate communication and media strategies regarding the partnership between the two parties, and matters of member and public interest arising from it;
 - develop and promote regional level relationships;
 - deal with any other areas or issues relating to the common goal specified in paragraph 1 above.
3. The New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) agree to inform each other, at an early stage, of any relevant policy development that either party is undertaking, and to take all reasonable steps to ensure that there is adequate time for comment.
4. The New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) agree that whenever possible, to consult each other beforehand if either is considering providing information or comment to the media on a matter which comes within the other agency's responsibility or in which that other agency has an interest.
5. Concerns about any matters, including operational or policy matters, will be raised through appropriate internal channels, rather than through the media.
6. All issues, disputes and differences between New Zealand Police and New Zealand Security Association (Inc) will, firstly, be resolved at the earliest opportunity at a local level.
7. Matters that remain unresolved or need further adjudication will be referred to the Police National Crime Manager (or his or her representative) or the Chairperson of the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) (or his or her representative). If agreement cannot be reached within 28 days from this referral, the matter will be referred, in writing, to the Chairperson of the New Zealand Security Association (Inc) and the Police Assistant Commissioner: Investigations & Intelligence for final resolution.
8. The parties agree that from time to time they may develop agreements or protocols relating to specific procedures and activities between them. These will be attached to this LOA as schedules, and will be signed by the relevant operational managers.
9. Nothing in this LOA is intended to create legal relations between the parties and neither party will be liable for actions of the other.
10. This LOA is subject to Cabinet directives and any enactment.
11. Either party may terminate this LOA without cause by providing 14 days written notice to the other party.
12. This LOA commences on the date it is signed below and will be reviewed no later than 2 years from the date of signature below.

Signed on this 21st day of August 2018.

By

Brett Wilson
Chairperson of the

New Zealand Security Association (Inc)

Gary Morrison

Executive Officer

New Zealand Security Association (Inc)

And

By

Detective Superintendent Tim Anderson

National Manager: Criminal Investigations

New Zealand Police

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