



1 November 2021

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Our ref: OIA 91147

Dear Ms Muninn

Official Information Act request: Ministry of Justice behavioural science team

Thank you for your email of 2 October 2021 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Ministry of Justice's Behavioural Science Unit. Specifically, you requested:

Please provide all documentation pertaining to the establishment of the Ministry's dedicated behavioural science unit in 2020, a list of all stakeholders, and all communications with the Behavioural Insights Team, which has established an office in New Zealand. Please include all communications with other ministry's behavioural science units, and any across-government strategy documents or plans. Please be especially careful to include any discussion documents about, or communications raising, the ethics of behavioural science in governance.

On 7 October 2021, we contacted you to clarify your request. A follow up email regarding clarification for your request was also sent to you on 11 October 2021.

As the Ministry has not received any response to narrow the scope of your request, I must refuse your request in full under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you would like to make a new request, I invite you to consider whether you can refine this request.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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