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Official Information Act 1982 request 2021-0401 – Person of Interest codes

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 11 November 2021.

You requested –

I request any documentation and information relating to the attachment of POI (person of interest) or other such codes that are applied to a people's legal identity for surveillance or other government reasons. Ie the system used to record that an individual supports an extremist group.

On 24 November 2021 you clarified your request, confirming you were seeking the following in relation to POI codes:

A breakdown of the of codes assigned to each person in your system, ie the list of codes (with their meanings) that are possible to be applied and how many are applied to each person.

This letter is to advise that the Department is extending the 20 working day timeframe for a response to your request pursuant to sections 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, as your request is for a large quantity of information, or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information; and as consultations necessary to make a decision in your request cannot reasonably be completed within the original time limit.

The response timeframe is being extended by 5 working days. The Department's decision on your request will therefore be provided to you as soon as practicably and no later than 16 December 2021.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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