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Tēnā koe Harold

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) of 15 November 2021, in which you ask for the following information in relation to the decommissioning of the satellite interception dishes at Waihopai:

- All briefing papers produced for the Minister Responsible for the GCSB on this topic
- All talking points produced for the Director-General for media interviews on this topic

The GCSB has identified one briefing paper produced for the Minister Responsible for the GCSB in relation to the decommissioning of the satellite interception dishes at Waihopai.

I am releasing a summary of this briefing paper to you, as provided for by section 16(1)(e) of the OIA. Some information in this document has been withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA, as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.

I am releasing the talking points provided to me on the subject of decommissioning the satellite interception dishes at Waihopai in full. Both of these documents are attached to this letter.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.govt.nz.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hampton'.

Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki
Director-General, Government Communications Security Bureau