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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1326

Dear Sebastian

Official Information Act request relating to Counter-Terrorism review documents

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 10 May 2022. You requested:

"ONE: A copy of the report titled "A National Security & Intelligence Framework for New Zealand" (Michael Wintringham and Jane Jones, September 2009)

TWO: A copy of the report titled "Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Value for Money Review" (Murray Horn, August 2012)

THREE: I would also like to renew my request for the document I requested in November, namely the document I identified as "Independent Review of Current Activity and Development of a Counter-Terrorism Strategy by Steve Long, 2015."

You provided the following additional context to your request:

In your response letter of 8 February you advised me that "there is no 2015 document written by Steve Long with [that] title..." For your reference, my source for this request was Part 8, Chapter 2 of the Christchurch attacks Royal Commission of Inquiry report. The title, author and date of publication is given in Table 12 as I quoted it, as can be seen here:

https://christchurchattack.royalcommission.nz/the-report/part-8-assessing-the-counter-terrorism-effort/the-setting/

In Part 8, Chapter 3 the same report is apparently referred to in paragraph 45:

"A 2015 report reiterated the need for a New Zealand counter-terrorism strategy. That report identified an insufficient emphasis on risk assessment, the absence of formalised arrangements that enabled ministers to weigh up the violent extremist or terrorist risk against other national security risks and the lack of whole-of-government counter-terrorism work programme management, reporting or evaluation. It also identified the continued absence of planned and regular public engagement on the terrorism risks facing New Zealanders at home and abroad and measures taken to counter those risks."

In addition, you have requested:

"I would like to request a copy of the report referred to in this paragraph.

I would further like to request:

- 1) If any review was completed for DPMC by former Director of the Domestic and External Security Group Steve Long on any topic, since 2010, and if so, what is the title and date of publication.
- 2) If any reviews of the counter-terrorism system were completed for DPMC from 2010 to 2018 (besides "Counter-Terrorism: A review of the New Zealand CT landscape" by Simon Murdoch, 2013), and if so what are their titles and dates of publication."

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 35 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 28 July 2022.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, I will endeavour to make information available as soon as practicable.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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