

# Hon Dr David Clark

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Ref: OIA DC-85-2021

Dear Scott

## Official Information Act request for cyber security briefings

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 24 November 2021. You requested:

*I would like to make a request for copies of the following briefings and advice received by the minister in his capacity as Minister for Digital Economy and Communications:*

1. 20 September 2021 "New Zealand Participation in US-hosted International Counter- Ransomware Initiative, 13-14 October 2021"
2. 15 September 2021 "Options for Progressing Cyber Security Cooperation Between the Public and Private Sectors"
3. 30 June 2021 "Cyber Security International Engagement Plan"
4. 21 May 2021 "Cyber Security Strategy Appropriation"
5. 29 Mar 2021 "New Zealand approach to cyber ransoms"
6. 25 Nov 2020 "5G Security Introduction"
7. 19 Nov 2020 "Budapest Convention on Cybercrime - Introduction and Next Steps"

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

## Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	20 Sept 2021	<i>New Zealand Participation in US-hosted International Counter-Ransomware Initiative, 13-14 October 2021</i>	Released in part
3.	30 June 2021	<i>Cyber Security International Engagement Plan</i>	Released in part
4.	21 May 2021	<i>Cyber Security Strategy Appropriation</i>	Released in part
6.	25 Nov 2020	<i>5G Security Introduction</i>	Released in part

7.	19 Nov 2020	<i>Budapest Convention on Cybercrime - Introduction and Next Steps</i>	Released in part
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I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- Section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- Section 6(b)(i), to protect the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion

**Information to be withheld**

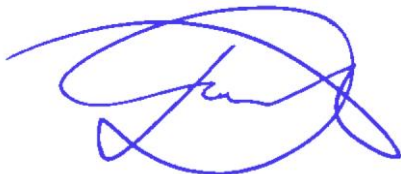
I have decided to withhold the remaining two documents that you have requested in full under the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- section 6(b)(i), to protect the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

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

Yours sincerely



Hon Dr David Clark  
**Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications**

