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Tēnā koe Sebastian,

### **Official information request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 10 March 2022 seeking the following information from the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS):

1. *The NZSIS has previously released to me a copy of the 2011 document “The Terrorism Threat to New Zealand”, which I understand is one of a series of “vectors of harm” papers issued through the National Assessments Committee in 2011/12. I would like to request copies of the “vectors of harm” papers produced by the NZSIS on these topics:*
  - a. *Sabotage and Subversion*
  - b. *Espionage*
  - c. *Weapons of Mass Destruction*
2. *I would like to request a copy of the 2008 NZSIS Briefing to the Incoming Minister.*

On 4 April 2022 you were advised of an extension to the time limit for responding to this request, to 22 April 2022, due to the consultations necessary to make a decision. Unfortunately, due to the impact of Covid-19 on our operations we were unable to meet the deadline. I apologise for the delay, and thank you for your patience while we prepared a response.

#### Vectors of harm papers

National Assessment Committee papers were all issued under the authority of the Director of the National Assessments Bureau, who was the chair of the NAC. The National Assessment's Bureau is part of the National Security Group, within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). I have transferred your request for copies of these vectors of harm papers to DPMC for response, per section 14 of the OIA, as the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of that department. You were advised of this transfer on 29 March 2022.

#### 2008 Briefing to the Incoming Minister

Please find a copy of this document attached. Some information has been withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA, as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oa.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz](mailto:oa.privacy@nzsis.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,



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Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū  
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