

From: [Stallah Valaau](#)
To: [DICKY Mike](#)
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group
Date: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 3:25:16 pm
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Kia ora Mike,

Thank you so much for your reply. Quite a mystery this one but first wanted to check with your team as we don't want to leave any stone unturned before we respond. Thank you once again for your help!

Ngā mihi

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From: DICKY Mike <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx>
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 3:13 PM
To: Stallah Valaau <xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx>
Subject: FW: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Good afternoon Stallah

Thank you for your email below in relation to an OIA request received from the New Zealand Council for Civil Liberties (the Council) asking for 'A copy of the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency'.

This discussion paper is unable to be located within Customs, and no one that should be aware of the paper is aware of it.

I note that the attached letter from the Council dated 8 February 2022 states: 'Stats NZ had done some work with Customs NZ and written a discussion paper regarding the dimensions of Security vs Transparency.'

May I suggest that Stats NZ have the Council confirm the basis of its thinking it was a discussion paper written for Customs. It would seem however by the language used in the above paragraph that Stats NZ wrote the paper.

For your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you have any queries in regard to the aforementioned.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

Mike

Mike Dickey, Senior Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing Advisor - Kaitohutohu Matua Kaupapahere | International and Governance | New Zealand Customs Service | PO Box 29 Auckland | AK City Customhouse

From: Stallah Valaau <xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.x>
Sent: Monday, 7 March 2022 15:20
To: OIA <xxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: re: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Kia ora koutou,

Hope this will find you safe and well.

Stats NZ has received an OIA for the following information:

- a) A copy of the Martin Jenkins review of the Data Ethics Advisory Group
- b) Copies of the agendas and minutes of all meetings held since October 2020
- c) A copy of the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency
- d) A list of all discussion papers written by the group since its formation, including the title of the paper, date it was published, and agency that the paper was written for (if any)

Item c above (*highlighted*) refers to a 'copy of the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency'. We've searched through all the advice published on our website and cannot find this one. We also cannot locate this anywhere else within our systems despite carrying out a thorough search. In saying this, we saw from a quick google search there was a document released under another OIA request which includes a statement that "Stats NZ had done some work with Customs New Zealand and written a discussion paper regarding the dimensions of security vs. transparency." – We assume this is what this request is based on, though it does not appear to relate to the Data Ethics Advisory Group (it is under the item heading 'Data Ethics Principles'. Relevant links from google search below:

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/18491-stats-nz-discussion-paper-regarding-the-dimensions-of->

[security-vs-transparency](#)

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/17682/response/69515/attach/4/2020%2005%2015%20RoM%20Stats%20NZ%20NZSIS.pdf>

I wonder if you would kindly provide us with a copy of this discussion paper. This information will be used to help with our response to this OIA. If you can, we would greatly appreciate your early response as we plan to reply to this OIA before the end of the week.

Ngā mihi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott <xx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx>

Sent: Monday, 31 January 2022 3:31 PM

To: Info Mailin - Shared Mailbox <xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Subject: Official Information request - Data Ethics Advisory Group

Dear Statistics New Zealand,

I would like to make a request for the following information relating to the Stats NZ Data Ethics Advisory Group:

ONE: A copy of the Martin Jenkins review of the Data Ethics Advisory Group

TWO: Copies of the agendas and minutes of all meetings held since October 2020

THREE: A copy of the discussion paper written for Customs NZ on the topic of security vs. transparency

FOUR: A list of all discussion papers written by the group since its formation, including the title of the paper, date it was published, and agency that the paper was written for (if any)

Yours faithfully,

Scott

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