From: OIA Privacy
To: Kelsey Schaumann

Subject: FW: Urgent request: Stats NZ and Customs OIA request

Date: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 4:39:34 pm

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RE data ethics at NZSIS.msg

Sorry, pressed send too early!

That looks like the paper that may have been mentioned in our RoM, not sure if that helps at all.

Thanks

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From: OIA Privacy <xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx

Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 4:38 PM

To: 'Kelsey Schaumann' <xxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxxxxxx

Subject: RE: Urgent request: Stats NZ and Customs OIA request

Hi Kelsey

I just found this email as part of an OIA request I'm doing, which may shed some light on your request.

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Thanks Section 6(a)

That's good to know – we've been discussing with Customs and they didn't seem to have any knowledge of it. We'll follow up with them again

Thanks again for your help!

Kelsey

From: OIA Privacy < xxx.xxxxxx @xxxxx.xxx

Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 1:20 PM

Hi Kelsey

I know it may be too late now, but for your awareness, this is the context I got from one of our staff who attended the meeting.

They only verbally mentioned it to us. We asked for a copy of it at the time but it sounds like maybe it was an NZ Customs paper not owned by stats? And they didn't allow us access to it.

Thanks



Sent: Friday, 6 May 2022 3:50 PM

Subject: Re: Urgent request: Stats NZ and Customs OIA request



Thanks so much, really appreciate your quick response and help.

We also thought the most likely explanation would be a misunderstanding/mis-recording of what was discussed. We'll likely explain this to the requestor if you can't find any more info on your end.

And yes, absolutely - if any communications with NZSIS are to be released we will get your review/approval prior to release

Thanks again,

Kelsey

From: OIA Privacy < xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xxx

Sent: Friday, 6 May 2022 3:44 pm

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Subject: RE: Urgent request: Stats NZ and Customs OIA request

Hi Kelsey

I will ask the team here whether they know anything about this document, but unfortunately the employee who was leading this work has now left our agency so I won't be able to ask him. From the wording of our ROM it sounds like NZSIS staff hadn't seen the document, so maybe they misinterpreted what was said?

I would say if Stats NZ don't know anything about it then the likely explanation is that we misunderstood or mis-recorded what was discussed. You could always explain to the requestor that the document referencing it is NZSIS's Record of Meeting, and was not consulted with Stats NZ when produced, so you wouldn't have noticed if there was an error in the ROM.

As an aside, if you are proposing to release any emails/communications with NZSIS, could we

please see copies prior to release?

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, 6 May 2022 3:23 PM

To: OIA Privacy < xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Cc: Ruth Naude < xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xxx >

Subject: Urgent request: Stats NZ and Customs OIA request

Kia ora,

Stats NZ and Customs are currently working on a substantial OIA from the NZ Council for Civil Liberties. Firstly, apologies if this email is a duplicate - I've had some issues with Outlook this afternoon so am unsure if this has already reached you.

The <u>current request</u> is asking for an extensive amount of email communication between Stats NZ, Customs, and NZSIS. We understand this request is in response to a <u>previous request</u>, wherein they requested a particular Stats NZ + Customs document: a "discussion paper regarding the dimensions of security vs transparency".

That previous request was declined as we determined the document did not exist - neither Stats NZ nor Customs had any record, copy, or mention of the document.

The document was referenced in a <u>separate document (meeting minutes)</u>, released as part of <u>yet another request</u>, to NZSIS. We are a bit puzzled about that reference, given we can find no record of it.

I'm therefore reaching out to see if you have any knowledge of that discussion document, referenced in the meeting minutes. Any info would be very much appreciated.

I realise this is a pretty convoluted/confusing situation, so am very happy to chat if you need some clarification!

Nga mihi nui,

Kelsey Schaumann (pronouns: she/her/hers)

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