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To: Section 6(a)
Subject: RE: data ethics at NZSIS
Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2020 10:47:36 am
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Apologies for any confusion. When we did the algorithm assessment report, Customs were the agency who spoke most about the need to balance transparency with security concerns, based on the intelligence led nature of much of their business. We never really got into specific details (beyond the algorithms they submitted for the review).

When I last spoke to them they were about to publish some work they'd done on the Darknet, which is now online here: <https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/your-information/customs-information/joint-border-analytics/>

My main contact at JBA has been their Chief Data Scientist, Robert Harrison. You can reach him via xxxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxxx.xx

I hope that's helpful.

Regards
Dale

From: Section 6(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2020 10:27 AM
To: Dale Elvy <xxxx.xxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>; Section 6(a)
Subject: RE: data ethics at NZSIS

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Hi Dale,

I recall we discussed a piece of work you had done with New Zealand Customs relating to bias and national security . I wondered whether you had any information you can share on this or any contacts within NZ Customs that I can reach out to in regards to this?

Thanks,

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From: Dale Elvy <xxxx.xxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2020 12:49 PM
To: Section 6(a)

Subject: data ethics at NZSIS

Kia ora Section 6(a)

I hope you're both well. Following our conversation on Friday I felt it might be helpful to send through some material we discussed. This includes:

- Two papers prepared for the Data Ethics Advisory Group looking at principles and frameworks for data with a follow up paper focussed on the UK's NSDEC
- An aide memoire we recently sent our Minister summarising progress on lifting data ethics in the government analytics workforce.

Please let me know if you'd like anything further, or to discuss this content.

Ngā mihi nui

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From: Section 6(a)

Sent: Thursday, 14 May 2020 10:32 AM

To: Datalead - Shared Mailbox <xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Cc: Section 6(a)

Subject: Attn Travis Ancelet, re data ethics at NZSIS

Hi Stats Data Leadership team

My colleague Section 6(a) was in touch with Travis – who I believe has access to these emails – earlier this week about setting up a discussion between him and the two of us – we're the knowledge management and data strategy team at NZSIS, and are doing some work here to define a more explicit data ethics framework for our agency.

Both Section 6(a) and I have had to stay away from the office this week due to family members getting COVID-19 tests (our organisation is very cautious when it comes to letting people in the building!) – so Section 6(a) has been unable to check whether Travis could make our suggested WebEx meeting time of 0915 tomorrow (Friday). Section 6(a)

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Anyway – if you could please ask Travis to confirm to me if he is able to make this or not; no

worries if it needs to be rearranged – but would help our planning to know today if it's likely to go ahead. Looking forward to catching up soon! I think it will really help us to hear about the experience you have in this area.

Many thanks

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Knowledge Manager, NZSIS

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