



## Office of the Prime Minister

### Prime Minister

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Nigel Jones

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Dear Mr Jones

#### **Follow-up Query Relating to Response to Official Information Act Request about Release of Information by the NZSIS**

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 22 August 2014 and my response to you of 19 September 2014. Your original request related to the NZSIS release of information regarding a briefing by the then Director of the NZSIS of Hon Phil Goff. On 19 September 2014 you clarified your request and stated that you are "*after any briefing papers (or information regarding briefings) given to the PM by the Office of the Prime Minister, about the notification of the release of details by the SIS, that led to his statement on Aug 8, 2011.*"

I can confirm that no written records of briefing papers or information about briefings provided to the Prime Minister by this Office have been identified that are relevant to your request. Accordingly, your clarified request is formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act "*that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found*".

The usual practice is that the Prime Minister is briefed about any relevant issues of the day prior to him attending his routine post-Cabinet press conferences. It is very likely that the Prime Minister would have been briefed orally prior to the press conference held on 8 August 2011 regarding the NZSIS release of information under the Official Information Act. However, given that these events took place over three years ago and this would have been just one of the matters discussed, there are no specific recollections of such a briefing. It is likely that the Prime Minister was advised that this Office had received a copy of the response provided by the NZSIS under the Official Information Act.

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You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Eagleson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Wayne Eagleson  
**Chief of Staff**