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Tēnā koe Chantelle,

## Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 25 May 2022 seeking correspondence between New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), or the Human Rights Commission (HRC) between February 10 and March 10 2022 containing the word 'protest'.

### Emails with DPMC

During that time period, NZSIS sent and received exactly 45 emails with the word 'protest' from DPMC. I have decided to withhold all the emails under section 6(a) of the OIA as release could prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the government of New Zealand.

The emails covered a variety of topics. About two thirds of them directly referred to the protest activity at Parliament which occurred during this period. I am withholding these emails as they relate to security advice and other information regarding the disruption caused to NZSIS staff who were working near the protest site in our Wellington headquarters building. To release these would impair our ability to work during any future disruptions of this nature, so I must withhold them to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand.

The remaining third used the term 'protest' but not in relation to the activities at Parliament. I am withholding these emails as making the information available would likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

### CTAG reporting on protest activity at Parliament

While I am not releasing any emails to you, I have decided to release a CTAG report. Some information in the report is withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA, as some of the contents could prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand.

Please find attached CTAG report 22-37-TI: *PMVE reactions to Wellington protest clearance*.

## **Emails with HRC**

During the time period, NZSIS and HRC did not send any emails directly to each other. As neither the NZSIS nor HRC emailed each other, there are no documents to provide you so I must refuse your request under section 18(e) OIA, as the information does not exist.

## **Review**

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Kitteridge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## **Rebecca Kitteridge**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū  
Director-General of Security