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Tēnā koe Chantelle

## Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) of 25 May 2022 requesting correspondence between the following media outlets and individual during the period 1 February 2022 to 10 March 2022:

- Newshub
- RNZ
- TVNZ
- New Zealand Herald
- Stuff
- Newsroom
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- The Guardian
- University of Waikato Law Professor Alexander Gillespie

### Named media outlets

In respect of your request for emails between NZSIS and the named media outlets, your request returned 26 pages of emails. I am releasing the majority of correspondence to you with some information withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- The names of staff are withheld under section 6(a), where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; and
- Section 9(2)(a), the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

I do not consider the need to withhold this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

## **Professor Gillespie**

In respect of your request for emails between the NZSIS and Professor Alexander Gillespie, as provided for by section 10 of the OIA, I can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold this information. To do so would be likely to prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the OIA, namely the security or defence of New Zealand.

You should not infer this to mean that we have any correspondence with Professor Gillespie. While correspondence between media and our organisation holds a public interest, this is not translated to private citizens.

## **Review**

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact

[oiaprivacy@nzsis.govt.nz](mailto:oiaprivacy@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



## **Rebecca Kitteridge**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū  
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