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Tēnā koe Scott

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 30 May 2022, in which you asked for the following:

ONE: "Social Discord and Its Long-Term Implications" (6 December 2021)

TWO: "Strategic Assessment – Implications of COVID-19 for Police over summer 2021-2022" (2 December 2021)

THREE: "Scanning Report Protest Activity" (2 December 2021)

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police management of intelligence available to Police, the sufficiency of that intelligence, and how it was assessed and informed decision making prior to and throughout the course of the Protest.

While this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering. The three documents you have requested have been provided to the IPCA as part of the Review. This information is therefore withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA, to protect information which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

¹ <https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/publications-and-media/2022-media-releases/2022-mar-24-investigation-review-occupation-parliament.aspx>

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We envisage relevant information will be released following the conclusion of the IPCA's Review. The IPCA anticipates the Review will be completed and reported on by 31 March 2023. Police recognises the importance of transparency in these matters and looks forward to the release of the IPCA's report, at which time more detailed information regarding the Police response to the Protest will be publicly available.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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