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Tēnā koe James

### Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) of 2 June 2022 seeking the following information:

1. I request all SIS documents that relate to the subject of Chinese language media within New Zealand, from the period 01/01/13 to 01/05/22.

This includes but is not limited to SIS intelligence reports, publications, and internal memos in draft form or otherwise.

This request excludes the contents of internal communications such as emails and/or other digital messaging between SIS staff.

This OIA request can be withdrawn and substituted for multiple OIA requests breaking down the information requested by individual years if required.

2. I request all SIS documents that include the keywords "World TV" and/or "Best News Entertainment" within its contents, from the period 01/01/15 to 01/05/22.

This includes but is not limited to SIS intelligence reports, publications, and internal memos in draft form or otherwise.

This request excludes the contents of internal communications such as emails and/or other digital messaging between SIS staff.

This OIA request can be withdrawn and substituted for multiple OIA requests breaking down the information by individual years if required.

3. I request all SIS documents that relate to the subject of Chinese Communist Party attempts to influence New Zealand media, from the period 01/01/13 to 01/05/22.

This includes but is not limited to SIS intelligence reports, publications, and internal memos in draft form or otherwise.

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### **Response to your request**

My response to your requests is that, as provided for by section 10 of the OIA, I can neither confirm nor deny whether the NZSIS holds the requested information. I consider that to confirm or deny whether the NZSIS holds this information would likely prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the OIA, namely the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

As I am sure you will understand, confirming whether information is or is not held could provide an indication of where NZSIS interests lie or, equally importantly, where they do not lie; thereby compromising the NZSIS's effectiveness and limiting our ability to achieve our national security objectives.

### **Review**

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [uia.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz](mailto:uia.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



**Rebecca Kitteridge**

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū  
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