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Tēnā koe Ali

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 7 June 2022 to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) seeking any detail of relationships or correspondence with either the Community Security Group or the NZ Jewish Community Security Group Charitable Trust.

You were advised on 6 July 2022 that the time limit for responding to your request had been extended to 18 August 2022 because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Response

For the purposes of this request, I have defined correspondence to mean written communication, such as emails or letters.

Searches were performed for correspondence, or records of meeting regarding the Community Security Group or the NZ Jewish Community Security Group Charitable Trust. The searches produced no results. I must therefore refuse your request under section 18(g), because the information requested is not held by the GCSB, nor do I have any grounds to believe another department, Minister, organisation, or local authority holds this information.

The GCSB may, from time-to-time, send representatives to national security sector meetings, which include events such as community group hui on the response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attacks on Christchurch Masjidain. It is possible the Community Security Group or the NZ Jewish Community Security Group Charitable Trust attended events relating to the terrorist attacks, which GCSB staff also attended.

Review

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki
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