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Tēnā koe Andrew

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 2 September 2022 regarding the sharing of information between Gang Intelligence Centre (GIC) agencies. Responses to your questions are set out below.

- 1) *Does cross checking of information provided by 'associated agencies' with other 'associated agencies' happen*

The GIC is a multi-agency strategic insights group. Information that is received from GIC agencies is checked against current GIC holdings.

- 2) *Where an initial report comes from an 'associated agency', does that cross checking _always_ involve intelligence/information developed by Police independent of other 'associated agencies' to confirm an individual's gang membership or association, whether from Police reports from prior to the initial report of an individual as a gang member or associate by an 'associated agency', or produced by Police as a follow up to that initial report by a non-Police 'associated agency', or are claims by a single non-Police 'associated agency' or multiple 'associated agencies' about an individual considered sufficient to pass the 'validation' threshold?*

Information from Police is not necessarily required. Information from other agencies may be sufficient to add a person to the National Gang List (NGL) if they meet defined criteria. The following factors are taken into consideration when validating gang membership (patched or prospect) status:

- Intelligence from operations and search warrants
- An 'Intelligence noting' identifying an individual wearing a patch
- Visible evidence of members wearing a patch; and
- Certain prominent or significant gang 'patch' tattoos.

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3) *Is confirmation from frontline Police staff required to confirm claims of gang associations?*

Confirmation from frontline Police staff is not required. Please note that the NGL only records adult patched and prospect gang members and does not include associates.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Smith', written in a cursive style.

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