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Joshua Grainger  
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Dear Mr Grainger

I refer to your email dated 14 May in which you request:

- *A copy of the Privacy Impact Assessment for Project CORTEX*
- *Any draft copies of the Privacy Impact Assessment for Project CORTEX*

I apologise for the delay in providing the Privacy Impact Assessment for Project CORTEX. Work is being undertaken to ensure that a redacted copy of the Privacy Impact Assessment will be released as soon as possible to satisfy the GCSB's previous response to your request in September 2014.

The Privacy Impact Assessment is in the final stages of review and it is anticipated that it will be released in the next four to eight weeks, bearing in mind there may be other factors that impact on this date. As such, I decline to provide the Privacy Impact Assessment for Project CORTEX under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), on the grounds that it will soon be publicly available on the GCSB website ([www.gcsb.govt.nz](http://www.gcsb.govt.nz)).

With regard to your request for any drafts of the Privacy Impact Assessment for Project CORTEX, I also decline to provide them under section 18(d) of the Act as a summary of some of the issues touched upon in earlier drafts of the Privacy Impact Assessment will be publicly available on the website.

You will be personally notified when the document is released.

In accordance with section 19 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the refusal by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Una Jagose', written in a cursive style.

Una Jagose  
Director