

10 November 2022

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Dear Harold

Request for information

Thank you for your request dated 18 August 2022 asking for further documents relating to the Police-led disengagement programme, 'He Aranga Ake'. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your request was for the following:

1. *He Aranga Ake Working Group Terms of Reference*
2. *The Business Case*
3. *The Privacy Impact Assessment*
4. *Any presentations or reports submitted to the DPMC Counter Terrorism Coordination Committee or Security Intelligence Board on the topic of He Aranga Ake and its development, dated since the beginning of August 2021*
5. *If any feedback on He Aranga Ake has been received from the Christchurch Royal Commission of Inquiry ministerial advisory group Kāpuia, I would like to request copies of it (e.g. a letter from the group containing feedback, or records of a meeting where feedback was supplied)*
6. *If any feedback on He Aranga Ake has been received from the Police Muslim Communities Reference Group, I would like to request copies of it as well*

Police refuses this request under section 18(f) as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. The information you have sought in this request and in two previous He Aranga Ake requests is very detailed, covering operational matters and requires substantial collation and oversight due to the subject matter.

You have made a significant number of requests about the national security picture in New Zealand through the FYI website. For this reason, on 15 September 2022 Inspector de Bes emailed you and offered to talk with you to understand what you what you wanted to know about this part of the national security response. Phone calls are often a helpful way to determine how best to assist requesters with their request and understanding if the information is sought to help with research or media articles to inform the public. She has not had a response from you.

The time and work involved in responding to your requests has had a significant and unreasonable impact on the resources available to carry out Police's other operations, and the current request presents a similar potential burden. Police has considered fixing a charge, extending the time limit for responding, or consulting with you, but has concluded that, in all the circumstances, these steps would not assist to enable Police to

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grant your request. When you were emailed clarification as also sought under section 12 of the OIA. Given this work is designed to address one area of our national security preventative response, we would like to establish that you satisfy the legislative criteria which applies to those seeking to make an official information request in New Zealand. Again no reply has been received from you.

At this point in time, Police are unable to progress this response.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way your request has been responded to.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SH', followed by a horizontal line.

Sean Hansen
Detective Superintendent
New Zealand Police