



**Te Tari Taiwhenua  
Internal Affairs**

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Tēnā koe Ali

**Official Information Act 1982 Request – OIA 2223-0160**

Thank you for your request for information relating to The NZ Jewish Community Security Group Charitable Trust (Trust), which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on the 23 August 2022.

You have requested the following:

- *The officers be disclosed, as well as the spurious claims they made to have their names restricted*

The information you have requested is currently restricted from the public Charities Register pursuant to section 25(2) of the Charities Act 2005 because Charities Services considers it is in the public interest that the information or document should be restricted from public view.

I note that there is a general public interest in favour of including information on the register, as transparency and accountability contributes to public trust and confidence in the charitable sector. Our starting point is therefore that publishing information about charities on the register is in the public interest, with few exceptions.

We note the Trust requested the information be restricted due to the sensitive nature of its work and to protect the safety of those involved. We considered, on balance, that the public interest in ensuring the Trust can carry out its work effectively and safely, outweighed the public interest in transparency and accountability and we restricted the information.

As such, the information you requested has been withheld under section 6(d) of the Official Information Act 1982. This is because the release of the information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decisions about your request by the Ombudsman pursuant to section 28(1) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington or by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Reilly', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephen Reilly  
Manager Regulatory