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Mr Brett Mainwaring
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Dear Mr Mainwaring

I refer to your request dated 21 September 2014, in which you requested:

- *"All Cabinet papers relating to GCSB 'business case' propositions that were prepared within the last 10 years".*

You have requested this information from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), which was subsequently transferred to the Minister responsible for the GCSB, and from the GCSB. As such I am responding on behalf of the Minister responsible for the GCSB and the GCSB.

I note your comment regarding the declassification of CORTEX documents. Only one of these documents was declassified. The remainder were redacted for public release. These documents in their native form remain classified.

The GCSB has submitted three business cases during the period requested.

The three submissions cover the following three subjects:

- Cyber Security
- Intelligence Sharing Arrangements
- Co-location of Intelligence and Security Agencies

I decline to provide the information requested in relation to Cyber Security under the provisions of section 18(d) of the Official Information Act (the Act) on the grounds that the information that can be released was publicly released on 15 September 2014 and is available at www.beehive.govt.nz. I decline to provide further details other than what has been released under the provisions of section 6(a) of the Act on the grounds that to do so would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

I decline to provide the information relating to the Intelligence Sharing Arrangements under the provisions of section 6(a), on the grounds that disclosure of the related information would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations

of the Government of New Zealand by disclosing intelligence community capabilities and partnership sharing arrangements.

Some additional work is required to prepare the papers on the Co-location of Intelligence and Security Agencies for release. I will provide this information in due course.

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 'Ian Fletcher', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ian Fletcher
Director