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Dear Mohammad

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 16 September 2022, in which you asked:

According to Canadian state media, in February 2015, an employee of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSJS) trafficked three British girls- 15, 15, and 16 years old respectively- into Syria for the purposes of sex, where they were repeatedly raped by older men. CSJS attempted to cover this crime up, and according to Canadian state reporting, nobody in the hierarchy which organized the trafficking has been subject to discipline.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/csis-syria-bequm-rasheed-islamic-state-1.6568647>

Recent media reports indicate that employees of this CSIS organization who likely were involved in the chain of command overseeing the sex trafficking operation are meeting in Queenstown, as part of a the broader 'Five Eyes' group.

- 1) Are New Zealand Police aware that representatives of CSJS are meeting in Queenstown? Please provide all documents relating to this meeting.*
- 2) Are New Zealand Police aware that CSIS has been involved in trafficking people by coercion or deception?*
- 3) Are New Zealand Police investigating CSIS representatives in the country for their involvement in this crime?*
- 4) Do New Zealand Police have any plans in place to protect underage New Zealand girls from the kind of actions CSIS has been involved in in the past?*

In response to your first question, Police is aware that there was a meeting between Five Eyes agencies this year in Queenstown. Police is refusing your request for documents relating to the meeting pursuant to section 6(a) of the OIA, as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand. New Zealand Police does not provide details on security operations.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) may be able to provide you more information. As Police is aware you have sent them a similar request, a partial transfer has not been necessary.

In response to your second question, Police holds no relevant information, therefore this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held.

An agency is not obliged to form an opinion or create information to answer an OIA request. With that in mind, the remainder of your questions are refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, the information requested does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

If you have any queries in relation to the information provided, then please contact ministerial.services@police.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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