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Tēnā koe Scott

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 27 October 2022 to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) seeking information about the classification system review.

You were advised on 26 October 2022 that the time limit for responding to your request had been extended to 23 November 2022 because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Response

You asked the following questions:

The PSR website refers to a review of the classification system that included receiving feedback from stakeholder agencies in 2019 and 2020:

“We recognize that simplifying the System was identified as a high priority by all of the agencies involved in the review project in 2019 and 2020. That review found that simplifying the system will require significant resources across government to undertake. We did not receive approval from Cabinet to commit those resources at this time.”

I would like to request a copy of this review or report that summarises this feedback and contains the finding referred to above.

The following documents in scope of this question are enclosed:

- **Review of the New Zealand Government Security Classification System** (February 2020). This is a change proposal document that was sent to all agencies to invite involvement in the impact assessment process.
- **Review of the New Zealand Government Classification System** (October 2020). This paper summarises the proposed change and impact assessment findings from the classification system review in 2019/2020.

It is noted on this page of the PSR website:

<https://protectivesecurity.govt.nz/classification-system/mandatory-requirements/policy/>

that the "Security and Intelligence Board agreed to the 2022 policy on 23 March 2022". I would like to request a copy of whatever report, presentation or other material was presented to the Security and Intelligence Board at this time to inform their approval of the updated classification policy.

The following document is enclosed to respond to this part of your request:

- **Revision of the Classification System Policy 2022** (February 2022). The purpose of this paper was to seek Security & Intelligence Board agreement approval for the proposed changes.

If it isn't included in the above material, I would also like to request a list of all stakeholders, government and non-government, consulted with as part of the review process.

This information is included in the material provided in response to question one - *Review of the New Zealand Government Classification System (October 2020)*.

Review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oa.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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