DEPARTMENT of the PRIME MINISTER and CABINET



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Dear Alex Harris

Official Information Act Request Relating to the Assessment on the Risks of Domestic Terrorism in New Zealand

I refer to your official information request of 17 November 2014 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). You followed up your request on 15 January 2015 and we asked the Central Agencies Shared Services (CASS) who provide us with our information technology services to locate your original request. I can confirm that CASS has advised that, unfortunately, your original request does not appear to have been received by DPMC.

Your request raised the question "Does the National Assessments Bureau provide assessments on the risks of domestic terrorism in New Zealand? If so, I would like the date and title of the last five such assessments, and a copy of the most recent one.

In anticipation of the interests protected by sections 6(a) and 6(c) of the OIA, I am happy for information which would damage the effectiveness of security or intelligence operations or prejudice the investigation or prosecution of offences (insofar as such operational information is present in a risk assessment) to be redacted. I would prefer to receive an electronic response."

I can confirm that the National Assessments Bureau in DPMC does not provide assessments on the risks of domestic terrorism in New Zealand. Your request for "the date and title of the last five such assessments [on the risks of domestic terrorism in New Zealand], and a copy of the most recent one," appears to be more closely related to the responsibilities and functions of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS). Accordingly, I have transferred this part of your request to the NZSIS under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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