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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0882

Dear Adam Irish

Official Information Act request for DPMC-held material related to the use of Hikvision cameras in NZ

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 5 May 2023. You requested:

I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 about the use of Hikvision cameras in New Zealand.

In particular, I am seeking any records or advice that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) may have regarding the potential cybersecurity risks and links to human rights abuses associated with Hikvision cameras. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

- Any records, including correspondence, reports, memos, or briefings, that discuss or relate to the use of Hikvision cameras in New Zealand;*
- Any advice, assessments, or recommendations provided by MFAT to the New Zealand government regarding the potential cybersecurity risks and links to human rights abuses associated with Hikvision cameras;*
- Any communications or engagement that MFAT has had with the Chinese government or Hikvision regarding the use of Hikvision cameras in New Zealand;*
- Any information regarding the steps that the New Zealand government has taken or plans to take to mitigate any potential cybersecurity risks associated with the use of Hikvision cameras in New Zealand.”*

Your request was originally received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) on 20 April 2023. On 5 May 2023, MFAT informed you that part of your request was transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), for any information held by DPMC in scope of your request.

Information to be withheld

Information covered by your request will be withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), 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

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

Tony Lynch
Deputy Chief Executive
National Security Group