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Dear Mr Grainger

**Official Information Request for Information Relating to Officers Assisting the Intelligence and Security Committee**

I refer to your information request of 16 May 2012 with regard to the Intelligence and Security Committee for:

- a) *"The identity of all officers appointed to this Committee, and job titles where appropriate.*
- b) *The current number of officers appointed to the Committee.*
- c) *The amount of remuneration provided for each officer for serving on the Committee, if necessary, in \$10,000 bands to preserve privacy (as recommended by the Ombudsmen)*
- d) *The level of security clearance for each officer of the Committee*
- e) *Any correspondence with any person or organization outside of DPMC (including the Committee) about the appointment of the last officer appointed to the committee."*

There are no officers appointed to the Intelligence and Security Committee itself. Under section 13(7) of the Intelligence Security Committee Act the Chief Executive of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), with the concurrence of the Committee, appoints such officers as are required to assist the Committee in the conduct of its business.

The officers so appointed to assist the Committee are members of the Intelligence Coordination Group (ICG), a small business unit of DPMC led by Director Roy Ferguson. The Director and two members of the ICG have assisted the Committee for its recent

meetings. These officers receive no remuneration for their service to the Committee, as this is normally a small part of their duties at times leading up to meetings of the Committee.

All officers who assist the Committee hold a Top Secret security clearance.

There has been no correspondence outside of DPMC in connection with the association with the Committee of the officer who has most recently begun to provide assistance to the Committee.

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

Yours sincerely



Maarten Wevers  
Chief Executive