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Dear John

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 3 September 2023. You requested:

*I am requesting the correspondence between paid or unpaid parties (such as individuals and organisations listed below) and New Zealand Police (or any associated organisations such as CTAG) as it pertains to 'He Aranga Ake' or 'Know the Signs'*

*I am specifically interested in any correspondence between these individuals or organisations and Police*

In relation to the part of your request that seeks all correspondence regarding He Aranga Ake, this would require Police to examine large volumes of communications, estimated to be more than 10,000 items. Each of these, once identified and collected, would require careful examination, including review and consultation with multiple partner agencies. This work could only be conducted by the small Police team responsible for He Aranga Ake and would endanger the delivery of the programme over the time this work might take. Police considers this information cannot be made available without substantial collation and is therefore withheld under section 18(f) of the OIA.

If you provide contact details that allow Police to directly discuss this matter with you it may be possible to identify a way to refine your request to one Police is able to meet, and that will satisfy your requirements.

In relation to the part of your request that seeks all correspondence between Police and other entities as it pertains to the NZSIS publication "Know the Signs", Police considers the information sought would expose sensitive information about operational tradecraft and methodology and is therefore withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA, where the release would be likely to prejudice the security of New Zealand. Police also considers this information includes the free and frank expression of opinions between employees of a department or organisation in the course of their duty, and therefore also withholds this information under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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