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Tēnā koe Mohammed

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 1 February 2024 to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) requesting:

1. *How many meetings have SIS had since October 7 2023 with Zionist lobby groups- the Israel Institute of New Zealand, Israeli embassy, Community Security Group, and Jewish Federation of New Zealand? Breaking this down by group would be appreciated.*
2. *How many meetings have SIS had since October 7 2023 with groups representing the human rights and interests of Muslim and Arab New Zealanders, such as the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand?*

Response

I am refusing your request under the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 6(a), where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; and
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i), release would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

The NZSIS meets with a broad range of faith-based and ethnic community groups on a regular basis. This work is important for the NZSIS as a domestic security intelligence agency both to understand the concerns of communities in New Zealand, and for us to provide information that may be of use to them.

To release information about engagements with faith-based and ethnic communities would undermine our work with those groups as well as any others who engage with the NZSIS, both now and in the future. We would not be able to maintain their trust and confidence if we publicly released information about our engagements with them. There would be an impact to the security and defence of New Zealand if any communities or groups in New Zealand felt they cannot work confidentially with the NZSIS. I do not consider that the need to withhold this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

Review

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

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that the NZSIS proactively publishes OIA responses in accordance with the expectations of Te Kawa Mataaho/the Public Service Commission. We intend to publish this letter (with your personal information removed) on the NZSIS website. Publication of such responses is done on a quarterly basis.

Ngā mihi



Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū
Director-General of Security