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Tēnā koe Scott

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 August 2024 to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB). Your request stated the following:

"This request is for documents relating to the participation of GCSB and NCSC staff at the recent New Zealand Institute of Intelligence Professionals annual conference 2024.

I would like to request:

ONE: For the keynote address by the GCSB Director General, I would like to request copies of all speech notes, talking points and other presentation materials (e.g. PowerPoint slides) used.

TWO: For the participation in a panel discussion by NCSC's Michael Jagusch, I would like to request copies of all speech notes, talking points and other presentation materials used.

THREE: For any other presentations, speeches, talks, addresses etc made by GCSB or NCSC staff at this conference I would like to request copies of all speech notes, talking points and other presentation materials used by these staff."

Response

With regard to parts one and two of your request, please find my speech and Michael Jagusch's material enclosed. In considering this information, please note that the actual delivery will have differed from the material prepared. A small amount of information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, as the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. For completeness, where section 9 grounds have been applied 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.

I note you made a similar request to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS). As you may be aware, the GCSB and NZSIS have some shared functions. These include our Chief Advisor Māori, who also spoke at the conference. Any information relevant to your requests that the Chief Advisor Māori may hold will be addressed by the NZSIS's response.

No further information in scope of your request is held by the GCSB.

Review

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.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 GCSB proactively publishes OIA responses in accordance with the expectations of Te Kawa Mataaho/the Public Service Commission. We may publish this letter (with your personal information removed) on the GCSB website. Publication of such responses is typically done on a quarterly basis.

Ngā mihi

Andrew Clark

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki

Director-General, GCSB