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Tēnā koe Robert

Your Official Information Act request, reference OIA2425-0205

I am responding to your email of 1 September 2024 to the Department of Internal Affairs | Te Tari Taiwhenua (the Department) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Please provide any emails, internal memos or funding requests that refer to the ACAMS training as being the DIAs preferred training provider for its AML branch and any communications between the DIA and ACAMS in respect of the cost of providing that training to staff.*
- 2. Further, please provide any communications between other third parties and DIA staff in respect of ACAMS training.*

On 9 and 13 September 2024, the Department contacted you to advise that it was our preliminary view that we did not hold any information within scope of part one of your request, and that we were proposing to refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. We also sought to clarify what information you were seeking in part two of your request, to help determine whether any information was held by the Department.

Section 18B of the Act specifies that if a request is likely to be refused under section 18(e) or 18(f) of the Act, that the Department must consider, before that request is refused, whether consulting with the person who made the request would assist that person to make the request in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal. Due to our obligation under the Act, the Department wanted to give you the opportunity to respond to this preliminary view and rescope your request, prior to releasing our final decision.

However, we have not received a response to this invitation to rescope and must provide our final response accordingly.

Part one

I can advise that the Department does not hold information within scope of part one of your request. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under 18(e) of the Act, as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found.

Part two

The Department does not discuss our Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) training with any third parties, including providing or receiving recommendations about ACAMS. Therefore, this part of your request is also refused under 18(e) of the Act.

Access to the Ombudsman

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.

Proactive release

We intend to publish our response to your request on www.dia.govt.nz. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Cauchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeremy Cauchi
Director Ministerial and Monitoring