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Mr Alex Harris
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Dear Mr Harris

Your request made on 5 November 2015 under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) was transferred by the Office of the Minister in Charge of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) to this office on 6 November for response.

You ask how many applications for a domestic intelligence warrant has the Minister in Charge of the NZSIS refused to grant in the past five years.

In no cases in the past five years has the Minister in Charge of the NZSIS refused to grant an application for a domestic intelligence warrant.

Before a warrant is presented to the Minister for consideration (and to the Commissioner of Security Warrants in respect of domestic warrants) it goes through a comprehensive and robust internal review and appraisal process. This procedure ensures that the application is thoroughly considered to ensure the intelligence is accurate, complete and balanced, and the statutory threshold is satisfied, before being presented to the issuing authority.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Kitteridge'.

Rebecca Kitteridge
Director of Security