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Valerie Morse
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Dear Ms Morse

I refer to your email dated 9 November 2015 in which you request the following:

Please advise how many, if any, GCSB personnel attended the GEOINT 2015 Symposium, June 22-25, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

I can neither confirm nor deny the attendance of any GCSB personnel at the GEOINT 2015 Symposium in Washington D.C. because to do so would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand. Accordingly, this information is withheld under section 6(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (*the Act*).

In accordance with section 19 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the refusal outlined above by way of complaint to an Ombudsmen under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Una Jagose
Director