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Joshua Grainger
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Dear Joshua Grainger

Request for Reports of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

I refer to your email of 13 June 2012, my response of 27 June 2012 and your subsequent query of 27 June 2012. Your original request was for "*the last three reports of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security issued under s27(1) of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1996.*" Your request was referred to the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and you were asked to provide a physical postal address.

You have asked whether your original request had been transferred to the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security under section 14 of the Official Information Act.

As the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security is not covered by the Official Information Act, the request could not be formally transferred to the Inspector-General under section 14 of the Official Information Act.

Under the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act, each year the Inspector-General is required to provide a report of the Inspector-General's operations during that year to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister lays a copy of that report before the House of Representatives together with a statement as to whether any matter has been excluded from that copy.

Once received by the House of Representatives, those interested in the contents of the reports are advised to contact the content provider. In this case the content provider is the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.

Although the Prime Minister receives these reports directly and statutorily, the decision to release the reports to members of the public is most appropriately made by the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and, therefore, it was deemed that the best way to assist you in obtaining copies of the reports was to pass your request direct to the Inspector-General for response.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff