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Dear Ms Morse

Thank you for your request of 17 May 2016.

You have requested *"the number of staff who have received/do receive or who have/had access to the NSA publication SIDtoday for the period 2003-today"*.

This publication can be accessed by GCSB staff. I am declining to provide the number of staff who *"have/had"* access to the publication in the period concerned under sections 6(a) and 6(b) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). There is good reason for withholding this information to avoid prejudicing:

- the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; or
- the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government.

GCSB does not hold any records that would allow us to determine the number of staff who have in fact accessed the publication. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is refused on the basis that the information requested is not held (section 18(g) of the OIA).

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

Yours sincerely


Andrew Hampton
Director