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Dear Cody C

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) information request

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 18 June 2016.

In your letter you made the following request:

I am requesting all information relating to the revocation of 4xSSL Certificate Authority/Root Certificates which are used to ensure the security of all Machine Readable Travel Documents (passports in this case) issued in New Zealand.

The information I am looking for specifically is relating to why these certificates were revoked (i.e. if there was a security breach).

The revocation of those certificates was due to an internal key management process whereby the certificates are used to manage internal processes within the software. These certificates are valid for a limited time period and are automatically revoked when a new CSCA (Country Signing Certificate Authority) root key is generated.

There were no security breaches through the revocation of these certificates.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely



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