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Dear Mr Richards

Ref: DIA 2016170116

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request – Independent Reference Group meetings

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2016 requesting, under the OIA, minutes, briefings and documents of the Independent Reference Group (IRG) for the third meeting in 2015 and all meetings in 2016.

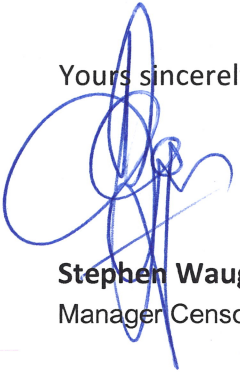
The Digital Child Exploitation Filtering System Code of Practice provides for IRG meetings to occur three or more times a year but this frequency has proven unnecessary. Meetings have been organised on an as required basis. In 2015 two meetings were held and no meetings have been held in 2016.

As there wasn't a third meeting in 2015 nor meetings in 2016 the Department of Internal Affairs does not hold any information covered by your request. For this reason I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

The next IRG meeting will be held in the first quarter of 2017 and the minutes from that meeting will be posted on the Department's website.

If you are dissatisfied with my decision regarding your request for information, you have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by post: PO Box 10152 Wellington 6143; phone: 0800 802 602; or email: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Waugh', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Stephen Waugh

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