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Dear W Shih

## Official Information Act Request

I refer to your follow-up correspondence of 23 April 2017 regarding the response received to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for: *"any manuals and/or specifications for air gapping networks"*.

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) adheres to the New Zealand Information Security Manual (NZISM) for networks where information classified CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET or TOP SECRET is transmitted, which has further controls. I would refer you to section 10 of the NZISM for the infrastructure controls required to transmit classified information over NZSIS networks. It should be noted that the NZISM also has references to other documents and standards that detail the processes and controls essential for the protection of the New Zealand Government's information and systems.

I suggest you might want to review the NZISM in the context of 'separation' as you will likely find that to be more descriptive around the aspects of 'air gaps' as you have described them. I can assure you NZSIS has thoroughly considered your request and holds no other information of the type requested.

If you are unsatisfied with this response, please note that you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28 of the OIA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Kitteridge'.

Rebecca Kitteridge  
Director of Security