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Dear Mr Harris,

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

I refer to your email request dated 25 September 2012 in which you request details relating to GCSB's functions under section 8(2)(c) of the GCSB Act 2003.

The GCSB performs its functions under section 8(2)(c) of the GCSB Act at the request of other agencies. In the past year (since September 2011), preliminary figures indicates that the GCSB has performed these in respect of 16 operations. Unfortunately the compilation of the data is taking longer than initially envisaged. GCSB will be able to provide a confirmed figure in the coming weeks.

Under the provisions of sections 6(a) and 6(c) of the Official information Act 1982 GCSB declines to provide details of these operational activities as publication of such information enables construction, over time, of a picture of activities and capabilities which could be prejudicial to GCSB's ability to carry out its mandate effectively.

In respect of those requests which I have declined, I am required by section 19(b) of the Act to advise you that you have the right, by way of complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3), to seek an investigation and review of my refusal to disclose the information requested.

Yours sincerely,

Shelley Turner
Office of the Director