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Ref: OIA-2017/18-0048

Dear David Johnston

**Official Information Act request relating to policies to combat the influence of foreign intelligence on New Zealand's elections**

I refer to your Official Information Act request, transferred from the Electoral Commission to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 28 July 2017, which asked:

*"Has the electoral commission developed any policies in order to prevent or manage the influence of foreign intelligence on New Zealand's elections in the last two years?"*

*Are any such policies being developed?*

*If possible, can you please provide any such policy document."*

The time limit for responding to your request is being extended by 20 working days until 22 September 2017 under section 15A of the Official Information Act. This extension of time is necessary because consultation is needed before a proper response to your request can be made. If that process is completed before 22 September 2017, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Chief Executive, Security & Intelligence