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Dear Yu Le Kong-Lim

Thank you for your FYI request received on 20 April 2018 regarding whether there has been surveillance upon People Against Prisons Aotearoa (PAPA). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You asked:

- 1. Whether Thompson and Clark has cooperated with the Department of Corrections to undertake intelligence activities upon members of People Against Prisons Aotearoa. If so, what were the nature of these activities, what was the duration of these activities, and when and where did these occur.*
- 2. Whether any other non-public entity has cooperated with the Department of Corrections to undertake intelligence activities upon members of People Against Prisons Aotearoa. If so, what were the nature of these activities, what was the duration of these activities, and when and where did these occur.*
- 3. Whether SIS or GCSB has provided or is providing advice or assistance to the Department of Corrections to activities regarding People Against Prisons Aotearoa and/or member(s) of People Against Prisons Aotearoa (e.g. as covered under s10(2)(a) and s13(1)(b) of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017). If so, what was the nature of the advice or assistance and how many instances of advice or assistance have been provided.*
- 4. If activities have been carried out upon members of People Against Prisons Aotearoa, the number of instances this has been carried out. If so, what was the nature of these activities and what was the reason for these activities.*

Corrections has not used the services of Thompson and Clark for any activities, including surveillance of PAPA. Corrections has also not used any other external providers, including the SIS or GCSB, to undertake intelligence activities regarding PAPA.

I hope this information is useful. If you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillon Carruthers', written in a cursive style.

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