

Reference: IR-01-18-3411

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Dear Richard

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In June 2018 you made a request to NZ Police for:

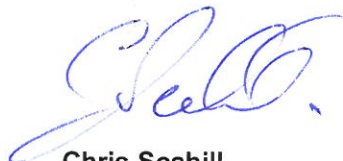
"Pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, please provide a list of persons deemed to have been VIPs for the purpose of Operation FAGA in October 2017. In your reply, please provide the metrics used when determining a person should have VIP status for this operation."

Your request was refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, as the information you were seeking was not held by Police. Your request for the "metrics" was refused in reliance upon section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested did not exist.

You subsequently made a complaint to the Ombudsman about Police's response. Following liaison with the Ombudsman's Office, it was suggested that it may be helpful to provide you with some further information, as follows.

Police were not provided with a list of persons deemed to have been VIPs (by Police) for the purpose of Operation FAGA in advance of it or during it. That is reflected in the operation order provided to staff. However, during the conference Police were verbally advised by the private security company involved that the Minister of Defence was attending. The Minister's attendance did not involve Police and was facilitated by the private security company.

Yours sincerely



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