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REF: 18/OIR/262

DATE: 18 June 2018

TO: [REDACTED] - Private Secretary – Associate Minister of Transport

Official Information Act - Consultation with the Minister's office

Reference: 18/OIR/262

Requester: [REDACTED]

Subject: Advice provided to Minister concerning the AIT (body scanners) trial.

Due date: 27/06/2018

Comments due by the Minister's Office: 25/06/2018

Internal process	
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Contact for Comments	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Other Relevant Comments:

The attached briefing has previously been provided to [REDACTED], however it was partially redacted. The key messages the Minister can use were withheld and the CAA position is that the reasons for withholding no longer apply.

Documents enclosed:

Attachment 1: Request

Attachment 2: Proposed response

Attachment 3: Proposed information for release

Please contact me at [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED] if you have any comment on the request.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Official Information & Privacy Advisor

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 6:29 PM
To: OIA
Subject: Re: Official Information Act request

Thanks very much for this [Redacted].

Can you please provide any and all advice provided to the Minister in relation to the trial (including any new advice being prepared for the incoming Minister). I also want to know whether the Government is actively considering introducing the nudie scanners, or whether the results rule it out.

This is obviously a new OIA.

Thanks again.

Regards

[Redacted]

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From: OIA <OIA@caa.govt.nz>
Date: Sunday, 13 May 2018 at 1:03 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Official Information Act request

Hi,

Sorry this keeps bouncing so I'm sending the two attachments over two emails.

Thanks,

[Redacted] | **Official Information & Privacy Advisor**
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18/OIR/262

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) Request

I refer to your email of 28 May 2018, in which you requested advice provided to the Minister concerning the AIT trial in Wellington Airport, held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Two briefings were provided to the Minister for Transport, and both were included in a previous response to one of your Official Information requests. One briefing had redactions applied and the grounds for withholding the information are no longer applicable so this briefing has been attached.

No other advice or briefings have been provided to the Minister for Transport.

As noted in the information provided in the CAAs response to your last request (CAA Ref 18/OIR/214) the CAA are actively taking steps to introduce the AIT scanners.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Official Information and Privacy Advisor

To: Hon Simon Bridges, Minister of Transport

Title: Briefing regarding the planned trial of Advanced Imaging Technology

Contact:	Name	Position	Telephone
	Graeme Harris	Chief Executive/ Director of Civil Aviation	Mobile: 027 477 0247 Direct Line: 560 9404

Date: 15 June 2017

Purpose

As advised in the ministerial briefing of 13 February 2017, and your briefing with CAA officials on 8 June 2017, the Authority is preparing to trial Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) at Wellington International Airport (WIA). The purpose of this briefing is to update you on the planned trial.

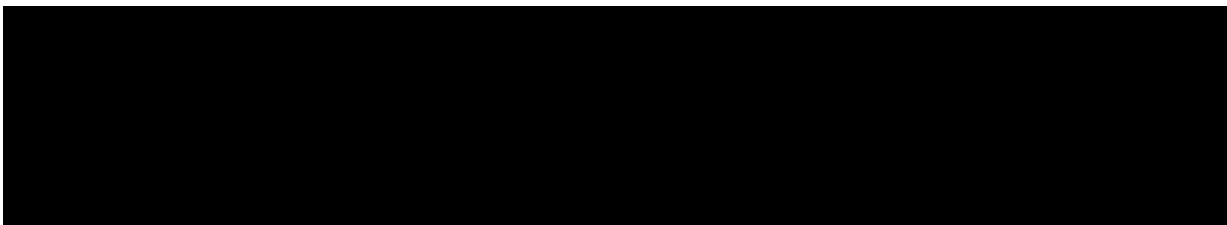
Purpose of the trial

The trial forms part of the Aviation Security Service (Avsec) people screening and concealed threat detection capability development and innovation programme.

The work supports delivery of the Authority's Safety and Security Focus Area 8 (Smart Security), which is intended to improve security outcomes, enhance passenger facilitation, and optimise the use of equipment and staff.

The trial will consider the following: whether the scanners will improve end-to-end processing times; the ability of staff to use the new technology; the impact on staffing numbers, if any; the potential to replace close body wandering with AIT; and to understand the impact on passenger satisfaction with respect to security screening processes (including confidence levels).

In addition to providing information regarding the operational impacts of AIT, it will also provide Avsec with a better understanding of the regulatory, health and safety, and privacy considerations associated with the deployment of this technology. This body of knowledge will inform future decisions on capital planning and procurement, as well as the timing of deployment of this technology.

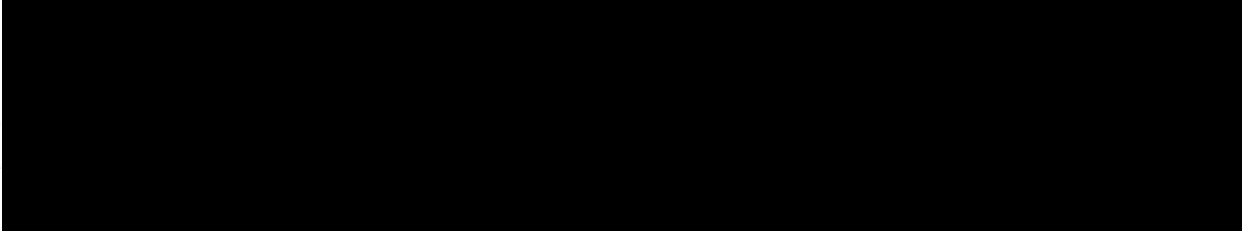


The trial is not a response to recent acts of terrorism in the United Kingdom.

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Proposed trial

The AIT trial will take place in two 10 day phases between June and August 2017 during peak periods. The first trial will use equipment supplied by SX Technologies; and the second using equipment supplied by Smiths Detection. Both trials will be located in the domestic screening area at the South West Pier of WIA, which is predominantly used by Air New Zealand domestic operations.



Communication with members of the public

The Authority's communications approach is to provide local and specific information to facilitate the trial. Communication material for passengers will be provided at the screening point. It will explain that a trial is underway, outline the expectations of passengers, and provide information on privacy and health and safety.

Aviation Security Officers will be provided with a pocket guide that outlines the answers to questions likely to be raised by members of the public. This includes a statement that the trial is not a response to, and does not indicate, a change in the national security threat level.

The Authority does not intend to issue a media release in advance of the trial. Responsive messaging has been prepared in regards to media queries, and lines of communication have been established between the Authority, WIA and Air New Zealand should media queries arise.

External Stakeholder engagement

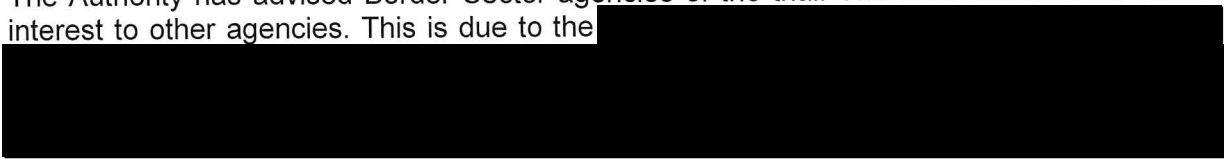
Avsec has engaged with WIA on an ongoing basis. WIA is enthusiastic about the trial and has actively facilitated the logistics associated with introducing the equipment.

Air New Zealand's Wellington operation has also been engaged and it is supportive of the initiative. The introduction of advanced screening technology has the potential to offer an enhanced level of security, as well as improvements to passenger facilitation.

Air New Zealand will communicate with its staff internally regarding the trial. Air New Zealand is comfortable with the planned passenger communication strategy.

Communication with other Agencies

The Authority has advised Border Sector agencies of the trial. The introduction of AIT is of interest to other agencies. This is due to the



New Zealand Police Wellington operation has also been advised of the trial, as there may be an impact on its operations at WIA should items of interest be detected.

Privacy matters

The Authority has actively engaged with the Privacy Commission in providing assurance that privacy concerns are understood, and to support the Commission in response to any questions that may arise. Representatives of the Privacy Commission have been invited to view the new technology. The Commission has raised no concerns in regards to the trial.

Health and Safety matters

International experience has also demonstrated that the travelling public initially had some concerns about how AIT scanners would impact their health, due to radiation.

Key messages regarding Health and Safety that will be provided to passengers are:

- The energy exposure from the scanner is the same as that of an electronic car key, and significantly less than a mobile phone.
- There is no risk to people being screened, including children, pregnant women, or those fitted with active implanted medical devices.
- The equipment uses non-ionising millimetre wave technology, which has energy levels that comply with the guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection.

Key Messages the Minister can use

The Authority suggests that the Minister uses the following key messages if he is approached for comment:

- The trial is designed to provide information that will help New Zealand sustain effective security screening in a rapidly changing environment, whilst maintaining efficient passenger facilitation; and
- The Civil Aviation Authority and Avsec are mindful of privacy matters, and have engaged with the Privacy Commission from the outset in setting up the trial to ensure these matters are properly managed.

Any technical questions about the technology being used should be directed to the Authority.

Next steps

- 1) We will provide an update on the outcomes of the trial.
- 2) Senior Officials from the Ministry of Transport will attend the trial.
- 3) As noted in the 8 June briefing, you are welcome to attend and observe the trial.

Recommendations

It is recommended that you **note** the contents of this briefing

Yes/No



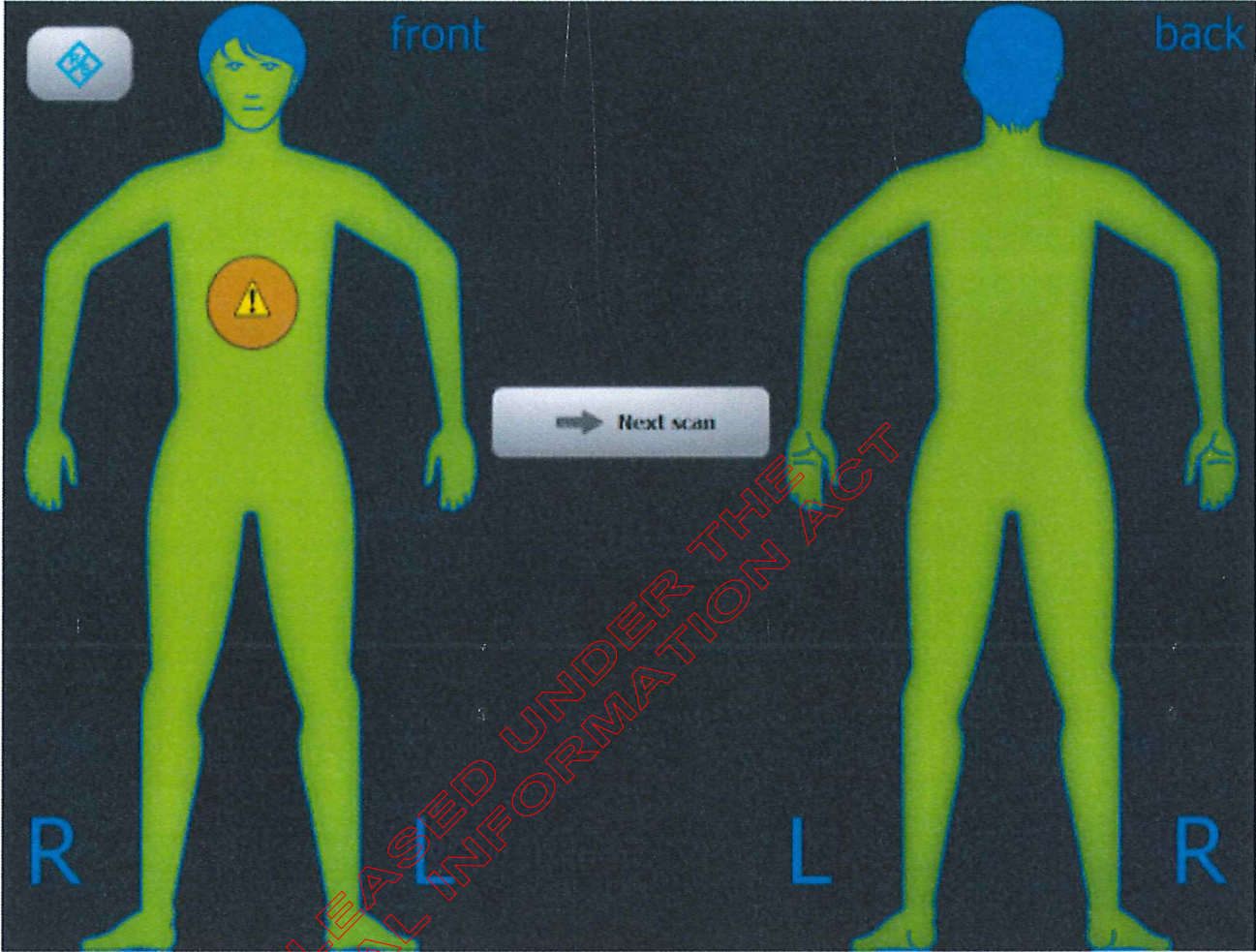
Graeme Harris
Chief Executive

Minister's signature
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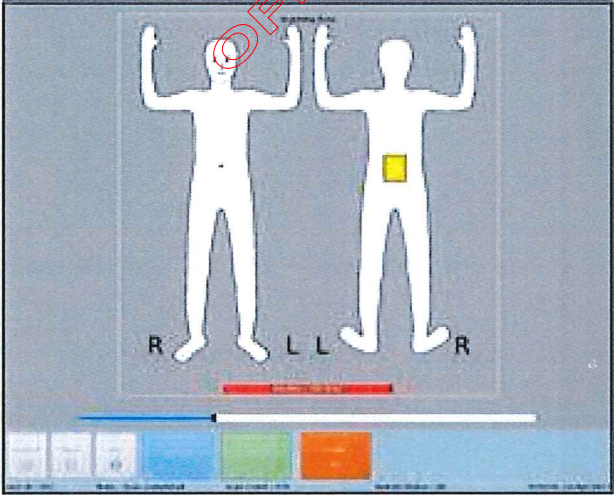
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Appendix 1 – Examples of images provided by the scanners

Example 1



Example 2



Appendix 2 – Examples of scanning equipment

Please note that the images provided are for information only. They do not indicate in any way the preferred supplier or preferred equipment. There are a number of suppliers of this type of equipment and any decision to purchase this equipment will comply with standard government procurement policies.

Image 1



Image 2

