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Dear Mr Janssen

**Official information request**

I refer to your official information request dated 25 February 2019 for the following information:

- 1) The content of all documents and emails noting National Security concerns, resulting in blocking Spark from using 5G equipment from Huawei;
- 2) All communications between the GCSB and Spark regarding "significant national security risks" with Huawei 5G;
- 3) All communications between the GCSB and Ministers regarding national security concerns with Huawei 5G, including the Minister responsible for the GCSB.

Below are the items in scope of your request and where possible copies have been provided. I apologise for the additional delay in providing this information and thank you for your patience on these matters.

Item	Date	Description	Release	Related Question
1	23 November 2018	Briefing paper to the Director-General regarding the initial outcome of TICSAs notification NCSC-TN-2018-451 and next steps for the network operator.	Withheld in part under S6(a), S9(2)(a)	1
2	26 November 2018	Briefing paper to Minister Little to inform the Minister of the initial outcome of TICSAs notification NCSC-TN-2018-451, the next steps in the TICSAs process and Ministers role in the process	Withheld in part under S6(a), S6(c), S9(2)(a), S9(2)(b)(ii), and S9(2)(g)(i)	1 and 3
3	27 November 2018	Provides talking points for the Director-General's meeting with Spark CEO Simon Moutter	Withheld in part under S6(a), S6(c), S9(2)(a)	1
4	28 November 2018	Letter from GCSB to Spark New Zealand Ltd providing notice of network security risks.	Withheld in part under S9(2)(a)	2

5	26 November 2018	Briefing paper to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Rt Hon Winston Peters, Hon David Parker and Hon Kris Faafoi regarding the initial outcome of TICSAs notification NCSC-TN-2018-451	Withheld in part under S6(a), S6(c), S9(2)(a), S9(2)(b)(ii), and S9(2)(g)(i)	1 and 3
6	28/11/2018	Unclassified Decision Paper for NCSC-TN-2018-451	Withheld in full under S9(2)(b)(i), S9(2)(b)(ii), S6(c and S9(2)(ba)	1 and 2
7	28/11/2018	Classified Decision Paper for NCSC-TN-2018-451	Withheld in full under S6(a), S6(b)(i), S9(2)(b)(i), S9(2)(b)(ii), S6(c and S9(2)(ba)	1 and 2

One additional document was identified as within scope to point three of your request however, I have decided to withhold this document in full under Section 6(a) as the information if released would prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Additionally attached for your information is the 'TICSA Factsheet' and 'What is 5G' these are also available at [www.gcsb.govt.nz/news/gcsb-statement/](http://www.gcsb.govt.nz/news/gcsb-statement/)

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Yours sincerely



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