



Ref: OIA-2021/22-1227

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act request for information about relationships with other agencies regarding border security**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 8 April 2022. Your request was:

- *A list of all agencies (public and private) with whom you either have a formal or informal partnership with (and state which) regarding border security matters.*
- *A brief description (one sentence) of the purpose of that relationship.*

*I have provided a layout which I believe would be the easiest for you to use, should you wish.*

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Formal or Informal</b>	<b>Description</b>
	(e.g. MOU)	

The National Security Group (NSG) at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) provides leadership, advice, support and coordination of the Government's national security priorities and risks. To do this, we work closely with border agencies and others to ensure that New Zealand's national security objectives are met (see <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security-and-intelligence/new-zealands-national-security-system/national>). We also oversee the government's National Security Intelligence Priorities – border agencies provide intelligence and assessment to these (see <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/national-security/national-security-intelligence-priorities>). We coordinate activity at a system level in response to identified risks or emerging crises, which may or may not relate to the border directly or indirectly. We do not have responsibility for legislation or operational matters but do have an interest in these where they may have an impact on national security. We do not have any MOUs or other formal arrangements with border agencies.

The NSG chairs a number of boards and governance groups of which border agencies are members:

<b>Board / governance group</b>	<b>Border Agencies</b>
Security and Intelligence Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Zealand Customs Service</li><li>• Ministry of Business, Innovation &amp; Employment (Immigration New Zealand)</li></ul>

Hazard Risk Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry for Primary Industries</li> <li>• Ministry of Business, Innovation &amp; Employment (Immigration New Zealand)</li> <li>• Ministry of Transport</li> </ul>
National Intelligence Coordination Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand Customs Service</li> <li>• Ministry for Primary Industries</li> <li>• Ministry of Business, Innovation &amp; Employment (Immigration New Zealand)</li> </ul>
Counter-Terrorism Coordination Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand Customs Service</li> <li>• Ministry of Business, Innovation &amp; Employment (Immigration New Zealand)</li> <li>• Ministry of Transport</li> </ul>
Foreign Interference Coordination Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand Customs Service</li> <li>• Ministry for Primary Industries</li> <li>• Ministry of Business, Innovation &amp; Employment (Immigration New Zealand)</li> </ul>

We are also members of boards and governance groups which have a border security element such as the Mass Arrival Prevention Strategy Steering Group, and the Maritime Security Oversight Group.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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