



8 November 2022

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0306

Dear [Redacted]

**Official Information Act request about the Government's misinformation investigation group/project**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 3 November 2022.

You have requested:

*"I am writing to request information on the government's project/ group for/targeting investigation of misinformation. I would like to know their remit, the chair and panel members and consultants and if any current or former members of the CIA are helping with the team and their details."*

There is an Interagency meeting that meets fortnightly chaired by officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). There is no agenda, this is an informal round table catch up to share issues and ideas. No single agency has the mandate to respond to misinformation, all agencies have a responsibility to respond to misinformation that falls within their remit.

Attendees have included representatives from Ministry of Education, Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Parliamentary Communications, Department of Internal Affairs and DPMC.

To protect the privacy and safety of those attend, all names are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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