



6 November 2023



Ref: OIA-2023/24-0228

Dear 

**Follow up to request regarding the Cyber Security Advisory Committee (CSAC) and Single Front Door (SFD)**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 6 October 2023. You requested:

*In regards to the refusal of question 9 “List of agencies consulted on the SFD draft (approximately September 2022), dates and timeframes for consultation, and responses”:*

*Would it be possible to provide a partial disclosure of this information in the form of a summary or an excerpt from a document?*

*I’m seeking to understand the sentiment towards SFD amongst those consulted. As I noted in the original request, I would be happy to receive something in this style:*

*The SFD draft was referred to the committee on DATE. We called for submissions on the draft with a closing date of DATE. We selected a total of X groups for consultation, comprised of X individuals and X organisations.*

*We received and considered submissions from X groups. X submissions clearly supported the SFD draft. X submissions expressed opposition to the draft, and X neither expressed support or opposition.*

*Can you please confirm that this partial disclosure would likely be refused under the OIA at this time for the reason given in question 9 (9(2)(ba)(i))?*

*If something like this is intended to be proactively released in due course, then please let me know.*

*I appreciate that this may involve summarising some information, but I believe it’s important to promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials for the decision to implement SFD.”*

I have considered whether we can provide any further summary as you have requested. I can advise that as noted in documents previously released to you that the Cyber Security Advisory Committee (CSAC) led interviews of 20 companies, who shared their views and ideas, and this was summarised by the CSAC into the previously released reports which officials and Ministers considered. The CSAC also discussed their views with officials as they developed their advice, which are recorded in the CSAC meeting agendas that have also been released to you.

I can confirm therefore that while the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) holds some information relevant to your above request, we do not hold all the details. A summary of the information we hold would not be a complete account of the consultations. I have considered whether I can provide a summary of the information we do hold, and determined this would also be likely to prejudice the supply of information in future. Therefore, I am maintaining the decision to withhold this information under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding that information.

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 DPMC 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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