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Dear Mahrukh Sarwar

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2019 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*We request the following information for the purpose of participating in the Royal Commission inquiry into the attack on Christchurch Mosques.*

*Relevant operative mentions*

1. *Copies of Immigration documents, correspondences and addresses (including but not limited to emails, letters, presentations), for periods A, B, C and D, referring to any of the following terms:*

- a. *Arab / Muslim / Islam / Islamist / Islamicist / Jihadist /*
- b. *Terrorists / Extremists / Radical / Far-right / White supremacy*

*Training*

2. *What professional cultural advice or training or resources has Immigration requested or received on Islam or Muslims for periods A, B, C and D?*
3. *Do all of your staff receive comprehensive cultural intelligence and full competency training and review?*

*Intelligence Principles*

4. *What proven intelligence principles is your work based on?*

*Customs contact with Mr Tarrant*

5. *What contact did Immigration have with Mr Tarrant?*

*Consultation with or regarding the Muslim community*

6. *How many experts on the Muslim Community or faith have you engaged or consulted over the periods A, B, C and D?*

*Consultation regarding far-right extremism*

7. *How many experts on far-right extremism have you engaged or consulted over the periods A, B, C and D?*

*General Consultation*

8. *Who is Immigration's on-hand cultural advisor/negotiator/facilitator for:*

- a. *On-going strategy*
- b. *Emergency Situations*

9. *How many experts on other ethnic or religious nationalism or extremism have you engaged or consulted over the periods A, B, C and D?*

*Policies*

10. *What policies did Immigration have in respect of extremism?*

11. *What policies does Immigration have in respect of far-right extremism?*

*Actions and White Supremacy threats*

12. *How many white extremists have Immigration stopped at their borders over the periods A, B, C and D?*
13. *How many people have Immigration stopped or picked up as sympathisers with Serb-nationalism or Bosnian Genocide?*
14. *What other forms of religious extremism do Immigration have a screening policy and strategy for?*

*Diversity*

15. *What is the ethnic cultural composition over the periods A, B, C and D of your*
  - a. *senior management*
  - b. *senior operational staff*
16. *What diverse perspectives have been embraced and resulted in reform of organisational culture that promotes diverse experiences and perspectives?*

*We request information for the following time periods:*

*Period A: October 2017 – present*

*Period B: November 2008 – October 2017*

*Period C: December 1999 – November 2008*

*Period D: November 1990 – November 1999*

*For the requests that ask for information from Periods A, B, C and D please note we do not require that all the information come through at once.*

*We request in order of this priority: Period A, then B, then C and finally period D.*

*Word-specific requests: please include variant spellings for these. E.g. For a request pertaining to "Muslim", please include variants such as "Moslem".*

The Ministry is in the process of preparing the information you have requested. However, I am writing to advise you that it is not possible to complete your request within the original 20 working day timeframe. The Ministry therefore needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 11 November 2019. That said, the Ministry will provide with you a response as soon as possible.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely



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