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Dear Andrew

Official Information Act 1982 request 2021-0365 – Privacy Impact Assessments

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 23 December 2020.

You requested—

I'd like to please request a copy of all Privacy Threshold Assessments and Privacy Impact Assessments referred to in the e-mail correspondence (in OIA 2021-0224).

In response to your request I can provide you the following information:

- Appendix A Privacy Impact Assessment: Full report, One Time identity (15 August 2020)
- Appendix B Privacy Impact Assessment: Threshold Check, Facial Recognition System (15 March 2017).

Some information in this documentation is being withheld under the following provisions of the Act:

• 9(2)(k) of the Act; prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

It is important to note that the One Time Identity (OTI) product is still in development and the solution described in the OTI Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for the Ministry of Social Development's (MSD) use, has not been productionised.

Specifically, the disclosure of the selfie photo to MSD as described in Section 11.4 of the OTI PIA has been removed from the scope of the project, as it was determined to be unnecessary for MSD's use.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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