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Tēnā koe Sebastian

I refer to your email/letter of 13 February 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*ONE: "A Strategic Look at MFAT's Priorities For Future Counter-Terrorism Engagement" (2012)*

*TWO: "South East Asia Counter-Terrorism Strategy"*

On 11 March 2022, due to further consultation being required before a response could be provided, the timeframe for responding to your request was extended by 25 working days, to 19 April 2022. Thank you for your patience while this process was concluded.

The information relevant to your request is attached. We have withheld some information under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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