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Dear Simon Ewing-Jarvie

Official Information Act request relating to the Strategic Risk and Resilience Panel

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 28 March 2017. You requested the following:

"I request the following information relating to the Strategic Risk and Resilience Panel (SRRP):

- 1. The current composition of the SRRP including dates where members changed, if any.*
- 2. The number of times that the SRRP has met since 23 December 2015.*
- 3. The cost, by year, of operating the SRRP since its inception in 2014, broken down into remuneration, travel, accommodation and support services.*
- 4. The number of times that the SRRP has met, in whole or part, with the Officials' Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC) since 23 December 2015.*
- 5. The names of agencies or entities that have briefed the SRRP, in whole or part, since its inception and vice versa.*
- 6. Copies of any correspondence sent, received or otherwise held in any form by the SRRP."*

By way of background, the creation of the SRRP in late 2014 was part of a suite of changes to New Zealand's national security and resilience governance arrangements otherwise known as the Officials Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC).

The rationale behind the changes was to ensure the ODESC system remained responsive to more modern concepts of national security. This broader, "all hazards," approach to national security has, over time, widened ODESC's mandate to incorporate threats posed by natural hazards, biosecurity risks and pandemics alongside more traditional threats posed by state actors, trans-national criminals or terrorists.

The changes saw the creation of three new governance boards, each staffed by chief executives of government agencies, and collectively responsible for driving performance across the national security and resilience sector. **ODESC(G)** is focused on governance of the sector as a whole. The **Security and Intelligence Board (SIB)** provides stewardship for those parts of the sector that deal with the more traditional component of national security, with a particular emphasis on New Zealand's core intelligence community. The **Hazard Risk Board (HRB)** is focused on New Zealand's preparedness to respond to a range of civil contingencies such as natural hazard events, biosecurity outbreaks, pandemic or maritime events.

Within this context, the **SRRP** brings together a range of experts drawn from both inside and outside of government with a brief to: assist ODESC(G) in anticipating and mitigating strategic national security risks; and, provide an advisory and critiquing role in relation to strategic national security risks and how they are addressed by the system as a whole.

The current composition of the SRRP including dates where members changed, if any.

The current membership of the SRRP is:

Murray Sherwin (Chair)
 Therese Walsh
 Sir Peter Gluckman
 Karen Poutasi
 Keith Turner
 Richard Forgan
 Helen Anderson
 Hugh Cowan
 Lt. Gen. Rhys Jones

There has been only one change in the membership of the SRRP. Ian Fletcher was the initial Chair of SRRP. Murray Sherwin became Chair of SRRP on 5 June 2015.

The number of times that the SRRP has met since 23 December 2015.

Since 23 December 2015 the panel has met 3 times on the following dates:

- 22 February 2016
- 4 July 2016
- 8 November 2016

The cost, by year, of operating the SRRP since its inception in 2014, broken down into remuneration, travel, accommodation and support services.

The table below sets out a summary of all those expenses identified.

	Date	Reason for Cost	Amount	Total per year
Year ended 30 June 2015	June 2015	Members fees and expenses for August & December 2014 & June 2015	2,250.00	
	August 2014	Travel and accommodation costs August 2014 meeting	509.41	
	January 2015	Travel and accommodation costs December 2014 meeting	260.61	
	June 2015	Travel and accommodation costs June 2015 meeting	439.25	
				3,459.27
Year ended 30 June 2016	October 2015	Members fees and expenses for June, July & September 2015	5,025.00	
	November 2015	Members fees and expenses for November 2015	1,646.22	
	March 2016	Members fees and expenses for February 2016	1,659.13	
	March 2016	Members fees and expenses July & September 2015 & February 16	2,250.00	

	Date	Reason for Cost	Amount	Total per year
	July 2016	Members fees and expenses July 2015 - July 2016	4,859.09	
	July 2015	Travel and accommodation costs	1,063.92	
	September 2015	Travel and accommodation costs	411.89	
	November 2015	Travel and accommodation costs	566.11	
	February 2016	Travel and accommodation costs	1,199.18	
				18,680.54
Year to date March 2017				
	July 2016	Members fees and expenses July 2016	3,924.43	
	November 2016	Meeting costs November 2016	1,485.22	
	November/December 2016	Travel and accommodation costs November 2016	787.87	
				6,197.52

The number of times that the SRRP has met, in whole or part, with the Officials' Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC) since 23 December 2015.

The SRRP members have met with the Officials' Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC) once since 23 December 2015 on 6 March 2016.

The names of agencies or entities that have briefed the SRRP, in whole or part, since its inception and vice versa.

SRRP has been briefed in whole, or part, by the following agencies or entities: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (including the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management which became a business unit within DPMC on 1 April 2014); the Ministry of Primary Industries; New Zealand Customs; the Ministry of Health; the Treasury; the Department of Conservation; the Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor; KPMG, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Science (Professor Virginia Murray).

The SRRP does not provide advice to agencies. The Chair of ODESC (G) attends SRRP meetings and is able to test ideas and hear from panel members directly. Occasionally panel members will be invited to attend ODESC (G) meetings to provide their perspectives and again this is provided directly.

Copies of any correspondence sent, received or otherwise held in any form by the SRRP.

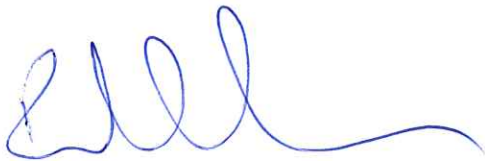
Your request for any correspondence sent, received or otherwise held in any form by the SRRP is very broad. To identify and locate all information held by the SRRP would involve substantial collation and research and it may not be possible to provide you with a comprehensive response. For that reason, I am declining this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act on the basis that the information requested "*cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*"

In reaching the decision to refuse this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A(1) and 18B of the Official

Information Act. However, I did not consider that taking any of these steps would allow the request to be answered.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Ash
Acting Deputy Chief Executive – Security and Intelligence