

OC220258

29 April 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 8 April 2022, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking

1. *A list of all agencies (public and private) with whom you either have a formal or informal partnership with (and state which) regarding border security matters.*
2. *A brief description (one sentence) of the purpose of that relationship.*

As the Act only applies to information that is already held by Ministers or agencies, and there is no obligation to create information in order to respond to requests, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as this information is not held. The information you are seeking would need to be created in order to meet your request.

I can, however, confirm that the Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport does engage with border agencies on border security matters through the Border Executive Board (BEB), chaired by the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs). The six agencies involved in the BEB include Customs, Te Manatū Waka, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), the Ministry of Health (MoH), and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). More information on the BEB can be found on the Customs website: <https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/border-executive-board/about-the-border-executive-board/>.

Te Manatū Waka also chairs the Maritime Security Oversight Committee (MSOC) as the lead agency for maritime security policy. The 10 other agencies involved in MSOC are Maritime New Zealand; the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; MBIE; the Ministry of Defence; MFAT; Customs; New Zealand Defence Force; New Zealand Police; MPI; and Department of Conservation. More information on the role of Te Manatū Waka in maritime security can be found here: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/resilience-and-security/maritime-security-strategy/>

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
P O Box 10-152  
**WELLINGTON**

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Paterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Paterson  
**Acting Manager, Resilience and Security**