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Hon. Megan Webb
Independent Member for Nelson
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Dear Ms Webb

APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNAL REVIEW – RTI 49/23 and 87/23

I refer to your recent applications under the *Right to Information Act 2009* dated 30/01/2023 (RTI 49/23), 20/02/2023 (RTI 56/23), 14/03/23 (RTI 87/23) and your request for an internal review dated 19/04/2023. I also refer to our recent discussions and confirmatory emails surrounding scope refinement between 18/05/23 and 24/05/2023.

Thank you for your patience regarding time frames associated with these applications.

I have assessed the decision by the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management Right to Information Delegate to refuse your recent applications on the basis the combined requests are voluminous and responding would substantially and unreasonably divert agency resources. As discussed, I am of the opinion each application requires individual assessment with a greater emphasis on consultation. I thank you for your willingness to refine the scope of your requests to reduce the resourcing impact.

This report will provide the combined results of my internal review relating to the refined scope associated with RTI 49/23 and 87/23. As agreed, my discovery process has centred on identifying documents associated with exhibits 9, 87, 88, 98, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, 99, 157 and 158.

The discovery process has identified 51 documents totalling 137 pages. Each document is listed on the attached schedule with page numbers, reference numbers, documents titles and an indication of any exemption applied under the *Right to Information Act 2009*. Efforts have been made to sort the documents relevant to each exhibit number to assist with any review.

Further information identifying specific exemptions is also provided throughout the release. You will note only small amounts of information has been redacted primarily regarding sections 30(1)(e) which involves information created for intelligence, 35(1) involving internal deliberative information linked to opinion and section 36(1) involving the personal information of another.

As previously mentioned, I am available to assist should you seek clarity on the format of the discovered information.

In the event you disagree with my decisions, section 44 of *Right to Information Act 2009* provides an opportunity to make application for a further external review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John King
Inspector