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Sarah Baddeley  
Martin Jenkins  
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Dear Sarah

**Re: State Services Commission Inquiry into the Use of External Security Consultants**

I refer to the Head of Inquiry's request of 23 July 2018 that, as Director-General of the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB), I undertake a self-evaluation as to whether there are any matters that should be brought to the attention of the Inquiry into the use of external security consultants.

The letter invited me to assure myself that:


- any use of security consultants in general, and TCIL in particular, by our agency are appropriate and well managed, with appropriate controls in place,
- any interactions or relationships with external security consultants are consistent with the professional expectations of the public service as expressed in the Code of Conduct for the State Services.

I advise the GCSB as an intelligence collection and analysis agency, has specific objectives and functions, as set out in sections 9 to 16 of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017. Our intelligence collection and analysis is covered by an authorisation process outlined in the Act. GCSB does not conduct investigations and does not require the services of the type of consultants or individuals you have described in your letter.

I can confirm that there have been no interactions with TCIL, or the associated entities listed in Appendix 2 of your report. In addition, GCSB has reviewed our current financial management system as far as records allow for any contracts or payments to like companies

and cannot identify any use of or interactions with external security consultants as described in your request 23 July 2018.

Yours sincerely

  
Andrew Hampton  
Director-General GCSB

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