

Information sheet

NZSIS's role

The role and function of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) is to collect and analyse intelligence, communicate intelligence and provide protective security services and advice. The NZSIS has no power to directly take law enforcement action. The following information is provided to assist in understanding the nature of the interactions NZSIS has with members of the public.

You are free to decide whether or not to speak with the NZSIS officer. The NZSIS officer has no power to arrest, detain or charge you. There is no requirement for you to speak with the NZSIS officer and no penalty for not speaking with him or her. If you decide to speak with the NZSIS officer, you may decide to stop at any time.

Speaking to NZSIS

Before agreeing to speak with the NZSIS officer and at any time during any interview:

- If there is anything you do not understand, or you have language difficulties, please say so. You may ask the officer any questions;
- You may ask the officer for identification and may confirm that identification by calling 0800 747 224;
- The interview will be voluntary. You can choose not to participate; choose to speak with the officer another time; or speak with the officer but end the conversation at any time.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

If you wish to make any complaint about the NZSIS or this process you can contact the office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security. The Inspector-General is not part of the NZSIS and can keep complaints confidential.