

# Countering Violent Extremism Team Documents (May 2021)

## Request

In May 2021 an Official Information Act request was made for:

"... documents relating to the work of OFLC's Countering Violent Extremism team:

1. A copy of the team's work programme;
2. OFLC's 2020 briefing to the Incoming Minister for Internal Affairs stated that "We have started work on an integrated strategy to counter violent extremism online..." – A copy of the strategy;
3. Copies of all briefings delivered to the Minister for Internal Affairs on the topics of countering violent extremism online and countering disinformation, dated from the last 12 months."

## Response

No documents fell within the scope of part 1 of the request.

One document was within scope of part 2 of the request. *Digital Extremism and Dangerous Disinformation Strategy (draft)* was withheld in full, pursuant to sections 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA.

Six documents were within the scope of part 3 of the request. Two were partially redacted.

- *Background Note for Meeting 17 February 2021 – taking an Integrated Approach to Online Harm*. Redactions on page 6, pursuant to section 6(b) of the OIA.
- *Classification Office Research Project – National Survey on Misinformation / Disinformation*. Appendix to this briefing was withheld in full, as the full research report was soon to be publicly available, pursuant to section 18(d) of the OIA.

These redacted documents can be downloaded [here](#) (PDF, 5.3MB)

The remaining four documents are:

- [Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Internal Affairs 2020 Overview](#) (PDF, 1.2MB)
- [About Us: Protecting and Empowering New Zealanders](#) (PDF, 1MB)
- [Rethinking the Way We Regulate Media in the Digital Age](#) (PDF, 560KB)
- [Responding to the Rise of Violent Extremism and Disinformation Online](#) (PDF, 1MB)

