



## **Revised Terms of Reference for Inquiry into the use of external security consultants 27 March 2018**

The Inquiry will identify and report on:

1. the circumstances of, and reasons for, the engagement of external security consultants by Southern Response Earthquake Services Limited (SRES) and the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) including but not limited to Thompson & Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL);
2. the nature and outcomes of the engagement of external security consultants by SRES and MBIE;

Without limiting its scope, the Inquiry will specifically report on:

3. whether or not surveillance activities were undertaken by or on behalf of SRES or MBIE and, if so:
  - a. the nature of any such surveillance, either generally or relating to specific individuals;
  - b. the extent to which SRES or MBIE requested that surveillance, and/or received information relating to that surveillance;
  - c. any actions undertaken as a result of information received;
4. any internal or external advice to SRES or MBIE relating to or produced as a result of engaging external security consultants and/or any monitoring undertaken, including but not limited to advice relating to potential disclosure of the existence, nature or circumstances of any surveillance undertaken;
5. governance and reporting mechanisms (or lack thereof) relating to the engagement of security consultants; and
6. whether or not, and the extent to which, any matters identified by the Inquiry amounted to a breach of the State Services' Standards of Integrity and Conduct.

The Inquiry may also make recommendations in relation to any matter contained in its report.

The Inquiry will not consider, report on, or make recommendations relating to:

7. any individual entitlement relating to a specific insurance claimant; or
8. actions taken to resolve specific insurance claims, except insofar as those actions relate to the use of external security consultants; or
9. the general operational performance or governance arrangements of SRES or MBIE.