

Afghanistan Inquiry: Progress Report No 2: 19 March 2020

The office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security has completed a draft report for her Inquiry into the role and knowledge of the intelligence agencies into certain events in Afghanistan. This Afghanistan Inquiry is entirely independent from the Government Inquiry into Operation Burnham, but concerns some of the same events, and, as appropriate, we have liaised with that Inquiry pursuant to the terms of our MOUs. Our Afghanistan Inquiry has four terms of reference, and examines those issues from the knowledge and perspective of the intelligence agencies.

Yesterday we provided a copy of our draft report to the Directors-General of the GCSB and NZSIS seeking any feedback on the accuracy or completeness of our report. We have also offered to provide a copy of our draft report to current and former staff who we interviewed. Once we have taken relevant feedback from the agencies and any staff into account and finalised the classified report, we will prepare a non-classified version of the report. The Inspector-General is required by law to publish an account of all Inquiries. Our aim is for our unclassified report to be published in the next few months.