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The Director of the Government Communications Security Bureau, Ian Fletcher, today released the following statement:

“GCSB has now reviewed all 58 cases where assistance has been provided to law enforcement agencies in New Zealand since January 2009. “

“One case has been identified, from 2009, where the Police asked GCSB for call data records relating to the telephone belonging to a New Zealand citizen. No surveillance or monitoring was conducted, but GCSB did tell the Police that the telephone number was active. GCSB is looking further into the legal aspects of this case.”

“Two cases have been identified from 2010 and 2011 which raise a potential issue related to the relationship between GCSB’s legislation and that of other law enforcement and security agencies. This issue is being clarified, and is now the subject of further urgent work. Both cases involved Police (not Ministerial) warrants; in neither case did GCSB’s help extend beyond providing technical data.”

“The Inspector General will be invited to look further into these cases, as well as being given the opportunity to test the GCBS’s analysis of all of the others.”

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