

13 February 2026

By email to: [REDACTED]

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Attention: [REDACTED]

SFO's NBR subscription (CON0016681)

We refer to your enquiry on 5 January 2026 for the following information in relation to our group online NBR subscription:

"At any time between April 2022 and January 2026 did any individuals at the SFO, outside the premium group of individuals with paid subscriptions, have access to NBR content?"

You clarified that you are asking how many people were provided with the option to access NBR content outside the number that had paid access and if any, on what date was access given and to what articles/stories.

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Decision and response

The SFO has 78 employees and currently has a group NBR online subscription for 10 users. A process is underway to establish if we require additional subscriptions.

[REDACTED] reporting by the NBR can be a useful source of intelligence and information to support the SFO's detection and law enforcement functions. We can confirm that, for these purposes only, 15 NBR articles have been shared by subscribers since April 2022 with a small number of staff involved in SFO operations:

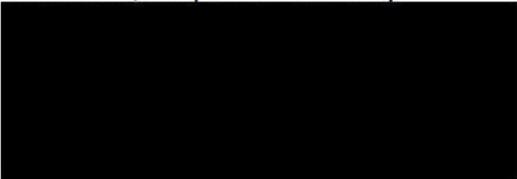
Date	Article Title	No. staff given access
2025	Withheld s 6(c)	
Withheld		2
2024	Withheld s 6(c)	
Withheld		3

2023		
11/08/23	Withheld s 6(c)	1
<i>Withheld</i>		1
30/06/23		1
17/05/23		2
01/05/23		4
2022		
<i>Withheld</i>		1
<i>Withheld</i>		2
<i>Withheld</i>		1
<i>Withheld</i>		1
26/07/22		1
<i>Withheld</i>		1
<i>Withheld</i>		1
22/04/22		1

Details of certain articles above have been withheld under section 6(c) of the OIA on the basis that making this type of information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā | Yours sincerely



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