Auditing issue – indicated that 20% of GCSB’s analytic workforce does not have accounts or access to key NSA databases. This is a particularly significant issue for GCSB as they provide NSA with NZL data which they have traditionally accessed via NSA tool/database interfaces (ie. GCSB analysts are unable to query or access NZL data). GCSB are also working to gain connectivity to DSD XKEYSCORE (as a first step towards connecting to other 2P XKS)
GCSB access

For GCSB access, GCSB have given us access to their XKS deployments at IRONSAND, a GCSB consent site, which is rich in data for the South Pacific region. Specifically we can access both strong-selected data and a full take feed from this site. To query data at these sites, you must first take a briefing on NZSID7, the law that governs what GCSB can and can't do. To take this briefing, search for ‘NZSID7’ on iLearn. There is a multiple-choice, open-book test at the end of the briefing that you must pass (much like for HRA and USSID-SP0018 training). At the end, if you have passed, copy and paste your results into a word document. You then need to navigate to ESS - Click ‘Order from the Products and Services catalogue’ - Leave the ‘Category’ drop down list empty. In the ‘For’ field type ‘xkeyscore’ and click Search - Click the ‘NZ Xkeyscore - Create’ Form - Once you have filled the required information click ‘Add to Cart’ - Click ‘View Cart/Checkout’ - Click ‘Submit Request’ - Choose a Protective Marking, and type a brief summary of your request in the summary box - Click Submit, you should then receive a ticket number on screen.

All queries against these databases must be NZSID7 compliant (as well as HRA compliant) and will be edited by GCSB. If you are unsure if your query is compliant under New Zealand law then you can check the resources provided in the iLearn package, or contact the New Zealand Liaison Office NZLO.
Continued effort against the South Pacific region - GCSB’s access development activities will be focused on the South Pacific region and entail close partnering and engagement with DSD, NZSIS and ASIS. This is seen as a continuing high priority issue given the increasing rollout of cable in the South Pacific region.
Where is X-KEYSCORE?

Approximately 150 sites
Over 700 servers