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Dear Mr Dahya

Regarding your Social Security Appeals Authority case

Thank you for your emails of 2 and 15 December 2019 in which you ask several questions relating to your Social Security Appeals Authority (Authority) case. Your email has been referred to me for response as Manager Operations Support (Acting), Courts & Tribunals, Regional Service Delivery.

I would like to clarify the Ministry of Justice (Ministry) is unable to become involved in your case or provide you legal advice. This is because the Ministry's role is limited to ensuring the Authority has the administrative support it needs to carry out its functions. It is important the Ministry's role and functions remain separate from those of the Authority and other judicial bodies to ensure the judicial process is free of any outside interference. The Ministry also cannot comment on any potential response by the Authority Chairperson.

I understand you have contacted the staff at the Ministry's Tribunals Unit regarding your case. This is the right thing to do as any questions relating to your case need to be discussed directly with them. For your reference, the generic email address for the Tribunals Unit is: tribunals@justice.govt.nz. You can also access general information on the appeals process at: justice.govt.nz/tribunals/social-security-appeal-authority/what-happens-next/

You may also wish to seek legal advice. A lawyer can help you understand how the law applies to your situation, and the correct practice through which to further pursue your concerns should you choose to do so. Alternatively, you can seek free legal information and advice from your nearest Community Law Centre. More information can be located at communitylaw.org.nz

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



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