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Dear Ms Tanguay

Official Information Act Request – documents relating to the discussed establishment of a Criminal Cases Review Commission

I refer to your correspondence of 10 October 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) copies of the following documents:

- 2003 Justice Ministry discussion paper on establishing a three-person independent criminal cases review body.
- Justice Select Committee reports from 2006/2007 which recommend the establishment of a Criminal Cases Review Commission.
- Internal documents and working papers on the topic of a Criminal Cases Review Commission and Miscarriages of Justice from 2006 to 2013.

In responding to your request I have also included final copies of external briefings containing policy discussion on the option of an independent body to consider miscarriages of justice.

The attached table lists the documents held by the Ministry of Justice that fall within the scope of your request. I also enclose a pamphlet about the Royal Prerogative of Mercy for your information.

As indicated in the table, parts of documents have been withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons (section 9(2)(a)). Other information falls outside the scope of your request and has been deleted from the documents.

I am satisfied in relation to the information withheld under section 9(2)(a) that there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to

complain to the Ombudsman about my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aphra Green', written in a cursive style.

Aphra Green
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