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Our ref: OIA 84361

Dear BAW Russell

**Official Information Act request: Copy of report authored by Jonathan Milne**

Thank you for your email of 4 November 2020 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to a report on criminal justice and the media, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Justice. Specifically, you requested:

- *Please provide a copy of the report on criminal justice and the media commissioned by the Ministry and authored by Jonathan Milne and a copy of any material regarding the release of the report, including discussion of whether to release and timing.*

The Ministry of Justice holds a draft of a paper that has been written by the Media Guidelines Group (the Group) which has been provided on a confidential basis to the Ministry for comment/information. The Ministry supported the work of the Group through Hapaitia's work programme. The Group maintains authority over their report and will control its eventual public release. I must therefore refuse the report under Section 9(2)(ba) of the Act as being subject to an obligation of confidence and that release at this stage would be contrary to the public interest. The authors have advised the Ministry that they plan to release the final report in late March 2021.

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

If you require any further information, please contact the Justice media team by calling (04) 918 8980 or emailing [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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