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Dear Mr Creser

### Official Information Request

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2014 to Hon Judith Collins, Minister of Justice, regarding your request under the Official Information Act 1982 ("the Act"). As you know, your request has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

You have requested the following information:

- 1) Why the Ministry of Justice advised the New Zealand Police that they held no CCTV footage from an alleged assault on Clare Milton O'Brien at the Court of Appeal around 5.15pm on 24/09/2013;
- 2) The identity of all the Ministry of Justice employees who reviewed the footage on 27/09/2013; and
- 3) That the Ministry of Justice advise whether or not this footage has been "expired or deleted" from their records.

In answer to your questions:

- 1) The Ministry of Justice advised the Police that they held no CCTV footage of the alleged assault as they did not, at the time, have cameras covering the area in question. Footage was provided by the National Library.
- 2) The only Ministry of Justice employee who viewed the National Library footage was a Court Security Officer, Mr Henry Tavoi.
- 3) As noted, the footage was not the property of the Ministry of Justice nor was the Ministry provided with a copy. Accordingly the Ministry was not in a position to "expire or delete" the footage from its records.

I trust this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paula Tesoriero', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paula Tesoriero  
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