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Our ref: OIA 88869

Dear Jem

Follow up on previous Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2021 to Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Justice, relating to an Official Information Act (OIA) 1982 request response that you received from the Ministry of Justice on 3 June 2021. Under section 14 of the Act, your request was transferred to the Ministry for response.

The Ministry's 3 June response was in relation to your 7 May 2021 OIA request to the Ministry that asked:

Please provide a list of all papers written since 18 April 2019 on the Official Information Act including, in particular, your work on whether to conduct a review of the Act. This includes papers written for ministers as well as those written for an internal audience or other government officials

This request was partially transferred to the Minister of Justice. The Ministry responded to your request for papers 'written for an internal audience or other government officials' on whether to conduct a review of the OIA. The Minister responded the portion of your request that asked for 'papers written for ministers'.

In your current request you have enquired about the following documents included in an OIA response sent by the Ministry of Justice on 17 May 2021 to another requester and asked why they were not included in your 3 June response from the Ministry:

Namely the February 2020 cabinet paper, a November 2019 budget bid and a September 2019 summary of other jurisdictions.

The 2019 summary of official information regimes of other jurisdictions (Document 4 of that OIA release) was created as part of work carved out by a policy group intern as a research training exercise. The 2020 draft Cabinet paper (Document 1 of that OIA release) was being developed by the Ministry in anticipation of potential future work that did not materialise, and the paper did not progress to an internal sign-out stage. Both documents were not intended for internal audiences but, at the same time, neither documents were shared with Hon Kris Faafoi or the previous Minister of Justice, Hon Andrew Little.

The 2020 Budget Bid (Document 2 of that OIA release) is a Minister's document which is used in the process of setting the direction and priority for the Ministry. In the context of your 7 May OIA request, it was determined this document was not in scope of your request, therefore not included in a response to you.

Upon further searching, no other documents have been identified that should have been included in our response to your 17 May OIA request.

I hope that this information has been helpful to you and address the questions you have raised.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, 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.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely

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

Jenna Reid
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