



20 August 2012

Mr Alex Harris  
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Dear Mr Harris

I refer to your email received on 30 July 2012 in which you requested, in relation to Police's submission to the Law Commission Review of the Official Information Act 1982:

- a copy of the Police submission
- all drafts, advice, and internal communications (including emails) relating to that submission.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

Police submitted on the Law Commission's Issues Paper on the Review of the Official Information Act 1982 in December 2010. A Briefing for the Minister of Police, which contains the Police submission as an attachment, is attached. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. As there are no drafts relating to Police's submission, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds the information does not exist.

We note the Law Commission has advised that all submissions on the review of the Official Information Act are expected to be published on their website in the week beginning 13 August 2012.

In relation to your request for "internal communications (including emails) relating to that submission", this is withheld under section 18(f) of the Act as the information you have requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This is because the employees who did the majority of the work on the Briefing paper and submission are no longer working for Police or are on leave and it would require a significant amount of resources to access and sort through their emails.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

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