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Dear Mr Brown

### Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request of 1 January 2017, for information relating to child abuse and corruption. Questions one to five were transferred to Hon Anne Tolley, Minister of Social Development, as they relate to matters that fall within her portfolio responsibilities.

I am responding to questions six and seven (below), as they fall within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister of Justice.

6. *Former Justice minister Judith Collins is on record as refusing to hold an official inquiry into conflict of interest allegations involving a supreme court judge, on the grounds that it would cause "incalculable damage to confidence in the judiciary." Your government has also refused to respond positively to information it holds on the lead-up to foreign trust legislation, despite allegations of systematic child abuse, including at high levels. What briefings or other communications, verbal or written, has your office had on high-level corruption?*
7. *What briefings or other communications, verbal or written, has your office or ministry had into the resignation of a New Zealand judge from the UK child abuse inquiry?*

#### Question six

The table (attached at Appendix 1) lists the titles of the documents that fall within scope of your request. Only information within scope of your request has been provided. I have not interpreted your request to include provision of the documents themselves. Instead, I have interpreted your request to include only the titles of briefings or other communications received by my office since 8 October 2014, which is when I became Minister of Justice. I have further interpreted 'high-level corruption' as corruption in high levels of government.

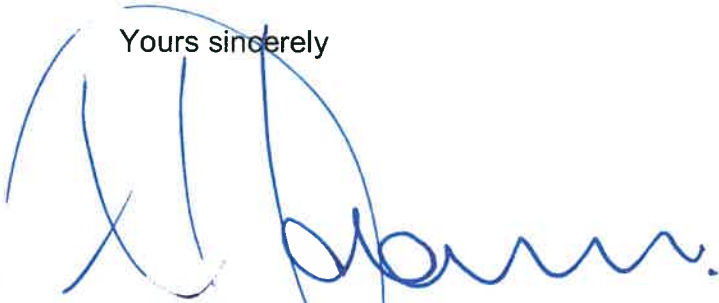
In relation to your request for verbal communications on high-level corruption, I have consulted my records, which confirm that I have had only one meeting where this topic was discussed substantively. On 2 May 2016, I was briefed by Ministry of Justice officials on the London Anti-Corruption Summit (see Appendix 1 for relevant briefing and meeting agenda item).

*Question seven*

I do not hold any information relating to question seven and do not have any reason to believe this information would be held by another agency. Accordingly, your request under question seven is declined under section 18(g) of the Act.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision relating to the information you requested.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Adams', written in a cursive style.

Hon Amy Adams  
**Minister of Justice**

## Appendix 1

	Document type	Title / Description	Date
1.	Email	Correspondence between Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and Minister Adams' Office about United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Self Assessment  <i>Attachments</i>  UNCAC Self Assessment (includes information on New Zealand's initial self assessment against Chapters III and IV of the UNCAC)	26.10.2016
2.	Briefing	London Anti-Corruption Summit 2016	02.05.2016
3.	Meeting agenda item	Verbal briefing at Officials Meeting on London Anti-Corruption Summit 2016	02.05.2016
4.	Email	Correspondence between MOJ and Minister Adams' Office on London Anti-Corruption Summit 2016	22.04.2016
5.	Email	Correspondence between MOJ and Minister Adams' Office about Minister Adams' visit to Paris and London for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Anti-bribery meeting 2016  <i>Attachments</i>  Draft materials for Minister Adams' visit to Paris and London for the OECD Anti-bribery meeting 2016	03.03.2016
6.	Email	Correspondence between MOJ and Minister Adams' Office about Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Anti-Corruption and Transparency Report 2015  <i>Attachments</i>  APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Report 2015	18.02.2016

7.	Briefing	Organised Crime and Anti-corruption Legislation Bill: Next Steps (includes information on the amendment made in 2015 to the penalties for foreign bribery in the Crimes Act 1961)	20.01.2015
8.	Briefing	Proposed Amendments to the Organised Crime and Anti-corruption Legislation Bill (which includes information on the 2015 increase to penalties for bribery offences in the Crimes Act 1961)	03.12.2014
9.	Briefing	Key Provisions in Organised Crime and Anti-corruption Legislation Bill	03.11.2014