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Dear Mr Hay

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

I refer to your request of 26 November 2017 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) for the following information:

a copy of any briefing (or briefings) provided to Hon. Tracey Martin, the recently elected Minister of Internal Affairs, which were specifically about, or which included information regarding, her role regarding the Gambling Act and in particular Class 4 Gambling.

The Department has identified four documents that fall within your request:

1. Extract from Internal Affairs weekly Status Report, 9 November 2017;
2. Briefing titled "The New Zealand gambling sector – overview and current policy issues, 17 November 2017;
3. Email titled 'Gambling data' from the Department to the office of the Minister of Internal Affairs, 21 November 2017; and
4. Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Internal Affairs.

You may already be aware that the Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Internal Affairs is now available on the Beehive website at www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2017-12/Internal%20Affairs.PDF.

The remaining documents are attached as **Appendix A**. Some information has been withheld from Document 2 under section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which prevent the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

As required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information from the documents provided with this response are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance I do not consider that to be the case.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of my response by an Ombudsman. The contact address is: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, phone 0800 802 602, or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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