



25 January 2018

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Reference: OIA-2017/18-0283

Dear Ross Francis

Official Information Act request for requirements for Ministerial Inquiries prior to the Inquiries Act 2013

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 8 January 2018. You requested:

"Section 10 of the Inquiries Act 2013 states: "In exercising its powers and performing its duties under this Act, an inquiry and each of its members must act independently, impartially, and fairly." Prior to the introduction of the Inquiries Act, were ministerial inquiries and their members required to act independently, impartially and fairly? Prior to 2013, were such inquiries and their members required to declare potential conflicts of interest? What rules and regulations (if any) applied to ministerial inquiries that were established prior to 2013?"

In regards to any rules and regulations that may have applied to ministerial inquiries prior to 2013, please supply me with all records held by your department."

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Department of Internal Affairs. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MPat".

Melissa Paton
Manager Ministerial Services