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Dear Mr Francis

Official Information Act Request - Criminal Cases Review Commission

I refer to your request of 29 June 2018 to the Minister of Justice regarding the Criminal Cases Review Commission, and subsequent complaint to the Ombudsman (their ref 483305) regarding the lack of response.

Your original request was overlooked, for which we apologise. Now that it has been brought to our attention, we will progress it on an urgent basis and will adjust the period covered by the request to extend to today's date (i.e. the request will now cover the period 19 October 2017 to 14 August 2018).

While we will be progressing your request on an urgent basis, we will still probably need 20 working days to respond (meaning a response by 4 September 2018). That is because Cabinet considered a paper on the Commission last week and, as a result, we will need to reconsider what should be released (it is usual for more information to be released once decisions on a matter have been made).

I note that you have also asked three questions about statistics on wrongful conviction. I have asked the Ministry of Justice to consider these questions, but to save time I have not transferred that part of the request to the Ministry (I will provide the Ministry's response as part of my response).

Yours sincerely

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Justice

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