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Ross Francis  
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Dear Mr Francis

## Official information request: Royal Prerogative of Mercy

I refer to your official information request of 8 August 2018 for:

*Did officials raise any doubts about the safety of Peter Ellis's conviction, or concerns about the case in general, with then Justice Minister Doug Graham in 1998 or 1999? Please supply me with all records of any doubts or concerns that were brought to the attention of Graham or Phil Goff (who succeeded Graham as Justice Minister) between 1 March 1998 and 30 June 2002.*

*When was the Royal Prerogative of Mercy introduced in New Zealand? Apart from a posthumous pardon for Mokomoko in 1992 (he was executed in 1866), who has been pardoned following an application for the Royal prerogative and in what year did the pardon take place? On average, how many applications are made for the Royal prerogative each year?*

We have transferred your request to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). The information to which your request relates is not held by us but is believed to be held by the Ministry. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the Ministry concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Little'.

Private Secretary (Justice and Courts)  
Office of Hon Andrew Little