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Dear Mr Francis

Official Information Act request relating to details of Royal Commissions and Ministerial Inquiries

I refer to the earlier letter you received from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) dated 4 December 2018 responding to your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 27 November 2018. You requested:

1. *"Please provide me with a list of all Royal Commissions, Commission of Inquiry and Ministerial Inquiries held since 2007 and the name(s) of their chairperson(s).*
2. *Please also provide me with the names (and chairs) of any Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry held during the 1990s.*
3. *Helen Cull QC chaired two ministerial inquiries – into the health system and the fire service - in 2000. When did each inquiry begin and end?"*

After discussion with the Office of the Ombudsman, DPMC has reviewed its earlier decision on some parts of your request.

In regards to part one of your request, I reiterate my earlier decision that the information you have requested relating to Royal Commissions, Public and Government Inquiries is published in The New Zealand Gazette, which is available on the following website:

<https://gazette.govt.nz/home/NoticeSearch?keyword=government+inquiry>

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

In regards to part two of your request for the names (and chairs) of any Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry held during the 1990s, DPMC will provide a further letter responding to this part of your request by 5 June 2019.

In regards to part three of your request, DPMC does not hold information relating to inquiries chaired by Helen Cull QC however, I believe the Ministry of Health and the Fire and Emergency Service may hold this information. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Act to transfer this part of your request to the Ministry of Health and Fire and Emergency Service.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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