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Our ref: 79702

Dear Mr Ecclestone

**Official Information Act request: Electoral Amendment Bill**

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2019, seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *the date on which the Minister of Justice asked the Ministry of Justice to start work on what has become the Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 2), and*
2. *the date on which the Parliamentary Counsel Office was first asked to start work on drafting what has become the Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 2).*

In response to your first question, the Minister of Justice asked the Ministry of Justice to start work on what has become the Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 2) on 3 October 2019.

In response to your second question, the Ministry of Justice first asked the Parliamentary Counsel Office to start work on drafting this Bill on 21 October 2019.

If you require any further information, please contact Jerram Watts, Acting Team Leader, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8980; or emailing [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz)

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours sincerely



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