

**29 JAN 2020**

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Our ref: OIA 80139

Dear Mr Ecclestone

**Official Information Act request: Ministry's report to the Minister of Justice. Milestone one of commitment seven of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan.**

Thank you for your email of 7 January 2020 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to the Ministry's report to the Minister of Justice regarding milestone one of commitment seven of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. You specifically requested:

*"In November 2019 the State Services Commission published the Ministry of Justice's report on progress with Commitment 7 of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan, as of September 2019. This can be accessed from here:*

*<https://ogp.org.nz/assets/New-Zealand-Plan/Third-National-Action-Plan/Commitment-7-TNAP-progress-report-September-2019.pdf>*

*On page 3 of this progress report, the Ministry states that under Milestone 1:*

*"The Minister of Justice has considered the Ministry's report and will consult with his colleagues on proposals to progress a review."*

*This is an Official Information Act (OIA) request to be supplied with a copy of the Ministry's report (submission/advice) to the Minister of Justice."*

A possible review of the OIA is a matter on which the Ministry is preparing ongoing advice. Consequently, the report you have requested is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. I am satisfied that there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the withheld information available at this time.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Greaney".

Caroline Greaney  
**General Manager, Civil and Constitutional**