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Dear Mr Ecclestone

## Official Information Act request: Review of the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2020 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about a review of the Act, specifically:

- a) *The dates on which you consulted "colleagues" in relation to this issue;*
- b) *The names and titles of the "colleagues" you consulted in relation to this issue;*
- c) *The dates on which each of these "colleagues" responded;*
- d) *The names, titles and organisations of anyone else you have consulted on this issue, the dates on which they were consulted, and the dates their responses were received;*
- e) *The dates on which you asked the Ministry of Justice to do further work for you on this issue;*
- f) *The dates on which you received this further work from the Ministry of Justice;*
- g) *The detailed topics of the further work you asked the Ministry of Justice to do for you on this issue;*
- h) *If a paper for you to take to Cabinet or Cabinet Committee on this issue has been finalised;*
- i) *The dates on which you raised this issue with Cabinet or Cabinet Committee, or when you intend to take any papers to either.*

The information you have specified in parts a), b), c), d) and i) of your request is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

The information you have specified in parts e), f) and g) of your request is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, in order to maintain the constitutional convention protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In relation to part h) of your request, the Government has yet to decide whether and to what extent it will review the OIA, and at this point no paper has been finalised for Cabinet consideration.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Little', written over the typed name.

Hon Andrew Little  
**Minister of Justice**