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Ross Francis

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Dear Mr Francis

Official Information Request dated 29 November 2020

I refer to your request for information to the Ministry of Justice (**Ministry**) under the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**) on 29 November 2020 and our further correspondence on 7 January, 8 January and 12 January this year.

We have now reviewed the files relating to the confirmed scope of your remaining information requests. In the course of reviewing those documents, it became apparent that there were only limited materials which could fall within the scope of your request and which had not already been provided to you. Accordingly, we have not found it necessary to charge for our response in this instance.

As you are likely aware, during your period of enquiry the Ministry was assisting Parliament's Justice and Electoral Select Committee in its consideration of the 2003 petition on behalf of Peter Ellis. You have already been provided with a transcript and copies of the Ministry's submission to the Select Committee, in our response of 20 January 2017 to your request of 9 January 2017. As highlighted in that response, and in our further response of 7 February 2017, all documents relating to submissions and responses to questions from the Committee are in any case publicly available from the Parliamentary Library.

Outside of those materials, there was one relevant document we located which we do not believe has previously been provided to you. This is a timeline of the Ellis case which contains a brief mention of Dr Zelas. We do not consider there is a need to withhold this document and have **attached** it to this response.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman regarding this response.

Yours sincerely



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