

24 March 2021

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Our ref: OIA 86312

Dear Mr Coyle

Official Information Act request: Privacy of Disputes Tribunal proceedings

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2021 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Disputes Tribunal. Specifically, you requested:

Would you please provide me with any information held by the Ministry, such as cabinet papers, reports to ministers, and internal memorandum, which relate to why hearings in, and decisions of, the Disputes Tribunal remain private contrary to the numerous recommendations from the Law Society to make them public?

A response to your request is currently being prepared. However, some of the documents you have requested are not held on site and it will take us some time to retrieve the hard copies. Therefore, a response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Accordingly, I am extending the time limit for response to this request by 20 working days under section 15A of the Act and will respond to you by 29 April 2021.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to extend the time for responding to your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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