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Dear Ms Haden

On behalf of Hon Judith Collins, Minister of Justice, I acknowledge receipt of your request for information on 29 May 2014 in the Minister's office. Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) you requested the following:

Please provide the evidence to support that New Zealand is the least corrupt country in the world.

I note that in many press releases, speeches and presentations you refer to New Zealand as being the least corrupt in the world.

I am aware that transparency International New Zealand whose membership consists of many government agencies, public servants and is financially supported by the office of the auditor General, prime minister's office and many more government departments, has claimed that New Zealand is the least PERCEIVED corrupt in the corruption perception index.

I am not aware of any other index which measures actual corruption or corruption in the justice department or police.

Based on your statements which you have made over the past three years claiming repeatedly the New Zealand is the least corrupt could you please provide the evidence on which you rely to make those statements and the basis for claiming that our police and judicial systems are the least corrupt. I also refer to a news item, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10798717 in which there is a statement " Her office cited figures from Transparency International showing New Zealand as the least corrupt country in the world." Could you please provide that evidence?

The Minister is considering your request in accordance with the Act and will respond in due course

Regards

Ashleigh Muir

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