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Grace Haden  
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Dear Ms Haden,

**Official Information Act 1982 request: evidence to support statements that New Zealand is the least corrupt country in the world**

I refer to your email of 29 May 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982:

*Evidence to support the claim that New Zealand is one of the least corrupt countries in the world*

In my capacity as Minister of Justice, I have made statements noting that New Zealand consistently ranks as the least corrupt country on the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index. An example of such a statement can be viewed at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/collins-welcomes-transparency-assessment>.

The basis for this statement, and other similar statements, is the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index. Information about Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index is publically available and your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act.

Further information about the Transparency International Perceptions Index can be found at <http://www.transparency.org.nz/>.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to complain to the Ombudsman, about the decision in relation to the information you seek.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Judith Collins  
Minister of Justice