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J Sullivan

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Dear J Sullivan

### Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your email of 14 September 2015 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- a) *"copies of any and all correspondence by or on behalf of the then Minister of Justice Judith Collins, or any subsequent Ministers of Justice, their office or officials, concerning negotiations and discussions with parliamentary parties in response to, or following on from, that of the party leaders (and Brendan Horan's) replies to the Minister's letter of 25th March 2013 requesting their response to the recommendations provided to Minister Collins in the 29th October 2012 Report of the Electoral Commission on the MMP voting system."*
- b) *"any subsequent correspondence, or any representations made to, or by, or on behalf of, any representative of a parliamentary political party or their staff, or between the Minister and officials and such, in furtherance of individual or cross party negotiations towards instituting the commission's recommendations."*
- c) *"if no further negotiations or correspondence were entered into between any parties and the Minister of Justice Judith Collins, or subsequent Ministers and or ministry officials, then please provide copies of any ministerial correspondence or discussions on further engagement of the party leaders, or seeking to advance the implementation of the recommendations, as well as any relevant to the decision to discontinue consultations and negotiations, that decision itself, as well as its reasoning."*
- d) *"in addition, please include any copy of the Minister's letter of 25th March sent to the NZ National party leader and their response, if any. If none was sent please provide confirmation of such as well as provide the reasons given for not doing so."*

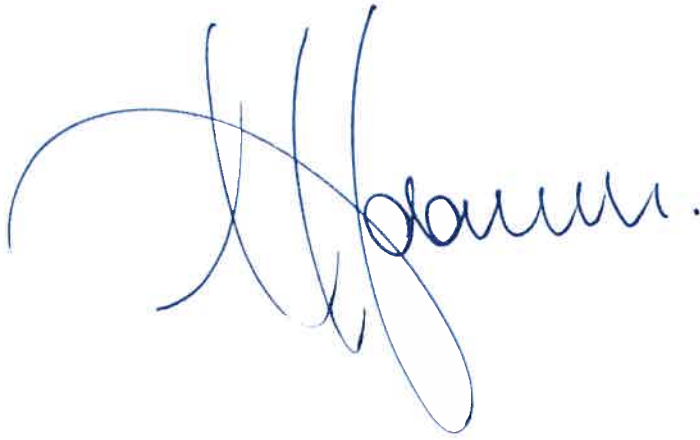
I am refusing your request under section 18(g), as neither I nor anyone on my behalf holds the information you requested, and I have no grounds for believing the information is either:

- held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or by a local authority, or
- connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

I do not hold any information about the previous Minister's decision to continue or discontinue consultation with parliamentary parties, other than the Minister's public statements at the time. Nor do I hold any information regarding the former Minister's consultation with the National Party on this issue.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to complain to the Ombudsman about decisions relating to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Adams', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

Hon Amy Adams  
**Minister of Justice**