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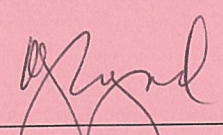
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Julian - this looks good to me - Eamonn

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27 June 2016

OC003-2016-4018

Valerie Morse
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Dear Ms Morse

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

You wrote to me in October, February and May seeking copies of the submissions that were provided as part of consultation on the *Defence White Paper 2016*. Copies of the submissions are now available from the Ministry of Defence website at the following address: <http://defence.govt.nz/defence-white-paper-2016.html#submissions>. You can also find a summary of the submissions received at this link: <http://defence.govt.nz/reports-publications/dwp-2016/dwp2016-summary-of-submissions.html>.

It has been necessary to withhold some information from the public submissions, pursuant to the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982. In particular, we have withheld the names of private individuals, and the entirety of a submission by one private individual who requested that their submission not be released. It has also been necessary to withhold commercial information that was provided. Further details about these decisions are provided on the website.

Yours sincerely

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 Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

cc: Michelle Taylor, Senior Investigator
Office of the Ombudsman

Previous correspondence

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16 May 2016

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Dear Ms Morse

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In February 2016, you requested an update on the release of the Defence White Paper public submissions, and I advised that these were expected to be released alongside the Defence White Paper in late March 2016. I understand that you have raised further concerns to the Ombudsman that these documents have not yet been made available.

It is still our intention to publicly release the Defence White Paper public submissions, together with a summary of submissions report, alongside the Defence White Paper 2016. The Defence White Paper is expected to be finalised and published, along with the public submissions, in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

cc: Michelle Taylor, Senior Investigator
Office of the Ombudsman

HEYWOOD CHELSEA, MS

From: HEYWOOD CHELSEA, MS
Sent: Monday, 18 April 2016 12:38 p.m.
To: GREY JULIAN, MR; GORDON JESSICA, MISS
Cc: MACGREGOR ADRIAN, MR
Subject: Ombudsman inquiry: Valerie Morse OIA
Attachments: 4062 & 4018 full scan response to complaint Valerie Morse OIA - DWP submissions.pdf

Good afternoon Julian and Jess,

I've received a call from Michelle Taylor in the Ombudsman's Office regarding our last response to Valerie Morse's OIA for DWP submissions.

I've **attached** a copy of the letter we sent to Ms Morse in February this year, explaining the delay in the release of the DWP and related submissions. The letter states that publication was intended to occur "in late March 2016". Ms Morse has now gone back to the Ombudsman's Office, and we are being asked to write another letter to Ms Morse with an update and revised timeline for the DWP release.

Is your team able to prepare a response – similar to the last one we sent – explaining the further delay and that we are still very much intending to release the submissions together with the DWP, with a revised timeline for release (if we have one)? Feel free to draw from the recent Nick Lee-Frampton OIA, in that the DWP is expected to be finalised and published "in the coming weeks".

I'd be very grateful if I could have a drafted response for Ms Morse by **next Wednesday, 27 April**. If you have any queries on this, please feel free to let me know.

Cheers

Chelsea

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11 February 2016

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Valerie Morse
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Dear Ms Morse

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In October 2015, you requested copies of the submissions made for the Defence White Paper process, and I advised that these were expected to be publicly released by the end of that year. I understand that you have raised concerns to the Ombudsman that these documents have not yet been made available.

I apologise that the Ministry of Defence did not contact you to advise that these documents are being released slightly later than expected. We recognise public interest in this information, and have been focused on a fulsome release of this information following government consideration. Subsequent to the letter to you, it was decided by the Minister of Defence that the submissions should be released alongside the new Defence White Paper. It is intended that this occur in late March 2016.

As mentioned in my previous letter, we will release the submissions alongside a summary of the submissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helene Quilter', with a large loop at the end.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

cc: Michelle Taylor, Senior Investigator
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HEYWOOD CHELSEA, MS

From: MACGREGOR ADRIAN, MR
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2016 12:03 p.m.
To: SPEEDY CHARLOTTE, MS
Cc: HEYWOOD CHELSEA, MS; GREY JULIAN, MR; GANDY BRYN, MR
Subject: Ombudsman call: OIA for DWP submissions

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Hi Charlotte

As discussed, I got a call this morning from Michelle Taylor at the Office of the Ombudsman. She was making an initial call regarding a complaint from Valerie Morse. Ms Morse had OIAed for copies of the DWP2015 submissions, and in October we replied saying that these would be made publicly available by the end of 2015.

I advised that we were preparing significant communications about releasing both the submissions and the broader Defence White Paper material, and that this would be done in March. It has always been our expectation to publicly release the submissions – as was the case with the last review – and this would be a comprehensive release.

I said that we would be happy to write to Ms Morse and confirm these details, and that we would do this by Tuesday.

Michelle was happy with this and asked to be copied in to the response (her email address is Michelle.Taylor@ombudsman.parliament.nz). She will call Ms Morse to discuss as well.

Michelle asked if it was possible to separately release the submission prior, but I said these were caught up in the broader communications. She also asked what our rationale for the delay was. I said that it was administrative – to do with preparing the broader comms.

Thanks for offering to prepare the response letter to Ms Morse. Ms Morse's original request is available here: <http://mods1/content/object/000000496581.msg> and our response is here: <http://mods1/content/object/000000496692.pdf>. The provided address goes through the FYI.org.nz website, which means it will be viewable publicly through that site when we email it. Chelsea will be happy to email it out, using the Info Inbox address, which is already associated with the site.

In case you need them, Michelle's full details are:

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22 October 2015

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Valerie Morse
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Dear Ms Morse

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2015, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), copies of the submissions made on the 2015 Defence White Paper.

We plan to publish all submissions made during the public consultation process online before the end of the year. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is soon to become publicly available. The submissions made in the public consultation process are expected to be made available prior to the release of the 2015 Defence White Paper, along with a summary report.

This approach is consistent with the approach we took towards the 2010 Defence White Paper consultation process. All submissions regarding the 2010 Defence White Paper can be found at: <http://www.defence.govt.nz/defence-review.html>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helene Quilter', written over a horizontal line.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

HEYWOOD CHELSEA, MISS

From: Valerie Morse <fyi-request-3214-0a9ef0e9@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 12 October 2015 2:12 p.m.
To: Information
Subject: Official Information Act request - Submissions on Defence White paper

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Dear Ministry of Defence,

Would you please provide copies of the submissions made on the 2015 Defence white paper?

Yours faithfully,

Valerie Morse

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