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Dear Jenny M

Thank you for your email of 1 December 2015 regarding your Disputes Tribunal case.

I note your concern that the other party to your Disputes Tribunal case took a recording of a Tribunal teleconference and is now using that recording as evidence in separate proceedings. You ask what action the Ministry of Justice will take in this matter.

Unfortunately I must advise that the Ministry of Justice is not able to intervene in your case or take any action on your behalf. The Disputes Tribunal is a judicial body that must operate independently from executive government. The role of the Ministry is to provide administrative support to the Tribunal and its Referees and it must perform this role with impartiality. It would be inappropriate for the Ministry of Justice to intervene in a case or be seen to take action in favour of one party over another.

The only suggestion I can offer is that you seek independent legal advice on your options in your circumstances. Community law centres offer free legal help and you can find contact details for your local centre online at <http://communitylaw.org.nz>.

Thank you for raising this matter. I hope you are able to find a resolution to your concerns in the near future.

Yours sincerely



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