

16 March 2017



Re: Information Request – Email Received Tuesday 14 March 2017

Dear Mr Francis

In your email dated 14 March 2017 you requested:

Memorandums re the Ministerial Inquiry into the Peter Ellis Case from Rt Hon Sir Thomas Eichelbaum of

- 31 August 2000
- 9 October 2000
- 16 January 2001

These three memorandums are attached.

You also requested:

"..all of Roger McClay's communications from 1 March 2000 to 28 February 2001 in regards to the Ministerial Inquiry into the Peter Ellis case. That includes internal communication within the Office of the Children's Commissioner as well as external communication"

We do not have any additional electronic records, documents, or internal communications beyond what has been provided. As I noted in my email to you of 9 March 2017 we have been unable to locate anything further, given the seventeen years that have passed, and:

- in the early 2000's there was loss to the Office of multiple cartons of stored files and resources. These became contaminated and were destroyed due to a major sewerage leak in the building occupied by the Children's Commissioner's Office.
- since the Peter Ellis case in 2000 and the subsequent Ministerial inquiry, our records have undergone the necessary process record disposal and archiving prior to being dispatched for secure off-site archive.
- the Inquiry did not originate from this Office.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this advice by the Ombudsman at the:
The Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10 152, WELLINGTON 6143

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Provoost". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Donna Provoost

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