



## Office of Hon Paula Bennett

**MP for Upper Harbour**

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N Kearney

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Dear N Kearney

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) request of 15 February 2017 for

*This morning's Herald reported the Commissioner of Police confirming the police were investigating a new hate crime offence.*

*Please provide me with any communications between your office and the Commissioner on this matter.*

There has been no communication between my office and Police including the Commissioner on this matter. Therefore your request is declined pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

Both myself and the Minister of Justice have made it clear this is not a priority at this time given the low number of incidents in New Zealand.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Hon Paula Bennett  
Minister of Police