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Ms Y Chew

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Dear Ms Chew

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information on the Immigration and Protection Tribunal (IPT). The Ministry of Justice is responsible for the administration of the IPT, and your request has been transferred to this Ministry by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

You ask how many closed appeal proceedings with special advocates have taken place before the IPT under section 244 of the Immigration Act 2009 (the Act).

Sections 240 to 244 of the Act relate to proceedings for appeals that involve classified information. Classified information is described in Section 7 as information that cannot be disclosed, such as information that relates to national security or defence. Section 244 states the IPT may hold closed hearings where classified information is involved.

Since the IPT commenced operation on 29 November 2010, there have been no appeals heard involving classified information and therefore no closed hearings have been conducted under section 244 of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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