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Dear Ms McIntyre

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2017, requesting information about reports produced by the Office of the Ombudsman under the Crimes of Torture Act 1989 (COTA). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested all reports produced by the Office of the Ombudsman under its COTA authority in 2007 and 2008. Please note that the Department can only respond to your request in so far as it relates to reports provided to the Department. You will be aware that the Office of the Ombudsman is responsible for overseeing many places of detention, including prisons, health and disability places of detention, immigration detention facilities, and child care and protection residences. The Department only receives COTA reports in relation to Department run places of detention.

I confirm that no reports were received by the Department in 2007 and 2008. We have confirmed with the Office of the Ombudsman that no reports relevant to the Department were produced in that time. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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