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Dear Sam

Thank you for your email of 08 September 2017, requesting an update on a previous request and when the information will be released. 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 2015 on 30 July 2017. The Department responded on 28 August 2017, communicating its decision that your request is declined under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information will soon be made publicly available. As you note, this previous correspondence stated section 18(e) in error.

As noted in our response, 38 COTA reports have been identified and are currently being prepared for release. This is a substantial process that requires significant collation and internal consultation. These reports will be released on the Department's website as soon as this process has been completed. It is currently estimated that they will be published by the end of November 2017.

You will be advised when the reports are published.

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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