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Dear Mr Soar

Thank you for your further email of 8 November 2017 regarding your earlier email of 8 October 2017 about the use of pseudonyms by Work and Income staff. I apologise for not providing you with a response to your questions.

You have asked the following questions:

1. Was Paula Bennett aware of this happening during her time as Minister of Social Development?

I am unable to provide you with the answer to this question. You may want to write to Hon Paula Bennett.

2. Is the current Minister of MSD aware of these criminal acts being committed by MSD staff?

Your email was written on 8 October 2017, and the Minister for Social Development at that time was Hon Anne Tolley. I understand that it is very likely that Hon Anne Tolley would have been aware of the use of pseudonyms by Work and Income staff at the Remote Client Unit.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely

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