

10 November 2017

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Dear Mr Francis

Official Information Act 1982 request: New Evidence in the Peter Ellis case

I refer to your FYI request of 15 October 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 ("the Act"):

"Which former or current Justice Ministry officials have read "New Evidence in the Peter Ellis case", published in late-2007?"

Please provide all records held by the Ministry about "New Evidence in the Peter Ellis case", including deleted records and information held in the minds of officials.

Please send me all records held by the Ministry about Sir Thomas Thorp's review of the Peter Ellis case, including all information or documents (eg, letter of instruction) supplied by officials to Sir Thomas. This request includes all communication between officials and Sir Thomas, and communication among officials about Sir Thomas's review. Please note I do not require a copy of Sir Thomas's report."

I have divided your request into two parts, which I have addressed below.

1. *Which former or current Justice Ministry officials have read "New Evidence in the Peter Ellis case", published in late-2007? Please provide all records held by the Ministry about "New Evidence in the Peter Ellis case", including deleted records and information held in the minds of officials.*

In terms of current employees, I can confirm I read your article back in 2007. I am unable to confirm whether any former employees read your article, but it is likely that Melanie Webb and Michael Petherick did. The only records held about your article is the correspondence you exchanged with previous Ministers back in 2007 and 2008.

2. *Please send me all records held by the Ministry about Sir Thomas Thorp's review of the Peter Ellis case, including all information or documents (eg, letter of instruction) supplied by officials to Sir Thomas. This request includes all communication between officials and Sir Thomas, and communication among officials about Sir Thomas's review. Please note I do not require a copy of Sir Thomas's report.*

This part of your request repeats a request you made on 18 September 2006. In our letter to you of 1 December 2006, we provided you with documents in response to your request for "all information pertaining to Thorp's report".

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Orr", is written over the typed name.

Jeff Orr
Chief Legal Counsel