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Tēnā koe Jem

**Response to the release of information about implementing the *To Be Who I Am* inquiry report under the Official Information Act**

I refer to your email of 23 June 2018 regarding the information released to you about what the Ministry of Justice is doing to implement the 2008 *To Be Who I Am* inquiry report. The information provided details about the work the Ministry is currently doing to implement aspects of the report. I am sorry to hear the information provided was not what you were looking for.

We are not currently working to address all areas of the report that relate to the justice sector as we have a range of competing priorities. The Ministry's work programme is set by the Minister of Justice. Our current priorities include working towards a more effective criminal justice system, completing Treaty of Waitangi settlements, supporting the progression and implementation of the Family and Whānau Violence Legislation Bill, rewriting the 2014 Family Court reforms, and establishing a Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal and a Criminal Cases Review Commission.

That said, the Minister of Justice is considering including the recommendation to amend the Human Rights Act 1993 to secure protection from discrimination on the grounds of gender identity, on the Ministry's work programme next year. If the Government proceeds with this work, it will be important that we seek the views of the New Zealand public on this amendment, including Rainbow Wellington.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. If you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me on 04 918 8584.

Nāku noa, nā



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