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Dear Mr Russell

OIA request related to Bill of Rights Act advice on Corrections Amendment Bill

Thank you for your email of 7 June 2018 requesting reconsideration of our response to your 12 May 2018 request under the Official Information Act 1982, for material relating to the Ministry's Bill of Rights Act advice on the Corrections Amendment Bill. I can confirm that the full rationale for the conclusions in the Ministry's advice, including in relation to double-bunking, is contained in that advice, which is available online.

Given the strength of the public interest in maintaining legal professional privilege, any public interest considerations (in terms of section 9(1)) need to be particularly strong in order to outweigh the interest that section 9(2)(h) is designed to protect. The Ministry does not consider that the public interest considerations meet that level in relation to the material withheld in the response to your request, especially as the Ministry (with the Attorney-General's approval) has already made its advice available to the public.

Yours sincerely



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