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Tēnā koe Mr Soar

Thank you for your emails dated 23 November and 20 December 2018 to OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz about the High Court decision on the use of pseudonyms by the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry). I apologise for the delay in this response.

You have referred to the High Court decision and have asked if both written apologies and suitable compensation for these violations is to be made. I can advise that no decision has been made yet regarding apologies or compensation for affected clients.

Thank you also for your further email dated 23 November 2018 to Info@MSD.govt.nz asking that Mr Boyle be removed from his position as Chief Executive of the Ministry of Social Development following the High Court decision. You may not be aware, but Mr Boyle has ended his term as Chief Executive of the Ministry. The new Chief Executive, Debbie Power, will be taking up her position on 4 February 2019. In the interim, the acting Chief Executive is Viv Rickard.

Here is a link to the State Services Commissioner's announcement about the appointment of Debbie Power on 6 November 2018: www.ssc.govt.nz/mr-debbie-power-appointed-msdcedoc-0.

If you wish to take this matter further, I suggest you contact the State Services Commissioner. His contact details are as follows:

Email: commission@ssc.govt.nz
Postal: PO Box 329, Wellington 6140.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope this information is helpful.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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