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Dear Elliot Ikilei

Official Information Act Requests

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), dated 17 January 2019, requesting:

"any communication [that] has been conducted between the Ministry of Justice, including the office of Andrew Little, and any member of the judiciary, regarding the consideration of home detention sentencing with prison population numbers/limitation as part of that consideration"

Your request has been interpreted to include information from 27 October 2017, the date on which Andrew Little's appointment as Minister of Justice became effective.

Due to the large volume of information requested, and because your request required consideration and consultation on transferring parts of your request, we are extending your request, as per section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, by 10 working days to 28 February 2019.

We are also transferring part of your request to the Office of Hon Andrew Little. In particular, that part of your request seeking communication between that office and any member of the judiciary. Section 14 of the Act requires that we transfer a request in circumstances where we believe the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of another office. You will hear further from the Office of Hon Andrew Little concerning that part of your request.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about the decisions in relation to your request. Any complaint must be in writing. Contact details for the Ombudsman's office are:

Office of the Ombudsman PO Box 10152 Wellington

Yours sincerely

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