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Dear Mr Harris

Official Information Act 1982 request – advice on electoral reform

Thank you for your request of 31 January 2019 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“all advice on the proposed MMP referendum, including what questions may be asked.”

While references to the possibility of a MMP referendum have been publicly discussed, to date, I have not received any advice on a MMP referendum. Officials are also aware of this possibility and have referenced this in one document, a Ministry of Justice briefing of 19 December 2018, titled *Legislative approach to referendums held with the 2020 general election*. The information is as follows:

- “There is also a possibility of additional referendums on the End of Life Choice Bill and the Electoral Commission’s 2011 Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) review recommendations.”
- “We understand there is a possibility of referendums on the End of Life Choice Bill and the MMP recommendations also being held at that time.”

The remainder of the document contains material outside the scope of your request. Since this time, the Government has been focusing on other priorities, and there has been no activity relating to this area. As a consequence, no further information exists.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A Little', written over a large, faint, stylized signature watermark.

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Justice