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Dear Mr Pryor

Official Information Act request: Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group

Thank you for three emails of 6 February 2019 to the Ministry of Justice, via the FYI website, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding Te Uepū Hāpai i te Ora – the Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group.

On 15 March 2019, the Ministry transferred your requests to me as they are more closely related to the work of my portfolio as Minister of Justice.

Your requests and my response are set out below.

- Is there a legislative requirement for the report and advice of the Safe and Effective Justice Programme Advisory Group Te Uepū Hāpai i te Ora to be made public?
- If there is no legislative requirement for the report and advice of the Safe and Effective Justice Programme Advisory Group to be made public, will the Government make the report and advice public?
- If the government will make the report and advice of the Safe and Effective Justice Programme Advisory Group public, when will the Government release it?

In response to all three of your requests, there is no legislative requirement for Te Uepū's report to be made available to the public. I can advise, however, that Te Uepū plan to provide me with its initial report in early May and any decisions regarding its release will be made thereafter.

Yours sincerely

Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Justice