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Dear Mr Beagle

Regarding the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2017 to Hon Clare Curran, Associate Minister of State Services (Open Government), suggesting that New Zealand's third Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan commit to a review of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I understand that Minister Curran will respond to you in regard to New Zealand's OGP National Action Plan. She has also referred your letter to me as review of the OIA falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister of Justice.

This Government is committed to fostering a more open and democratic society and strengthening transparency around official information. I welcome your suggestions for reform to the OIA. Any changes to this area of law would require careful consideration and need to complement the work currently being undertaken to improve operational practices and performance across the public service. Although a review of the Official Information Act is not presently under consideration by the Government, such a review is possible at some point in the future.

Thank you for sharing your organisation's perspective.

Yours sincerely



Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Justice