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Dear Andrew Ecclestone

I refer to your email of 12 September 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"In 2015, the United Nations, including New Zealand, signed up to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

*SDG 16 is to "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels" (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg16>)*

*Within SDG 16 is target 16.10, "Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements."*

*One of the designated indicators is SDG 16.10.2, "Number of countries that adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information."*

*OIA Request*

*Under the OIA, I would like to request:*

*(a) a copy of all reports (including briefings/aide memoire etc) produced for officials or Ministers on SDG 16.10.2;*

*(b) any reports on efforts made to assess and report on implementation of SDG 16.10.2; and*

*(c) any correspondence (including emails) and notes of meetings with officials in other departments (most likely, but not limited to, Treasury and Statistics NZ) on how progress on SDG 16.10.2 may be incorporated in to 'Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand' and/or 'The Living Standards Framework'"*

The information to which your request relates is more closely connected with the Ministry of Justice. Therefore your request has been transferred to that office in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of the OIA.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Wendy Adams  
for acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade