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On 17 September 2025, you requested the following information from both the Crown Response Office (CRO) and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

“Please provide (both agencies) copies of any a copy of any reports, decisions and documentation, including in emails and meeting notes, relating to the consideration of the Royal Commission’s recommendations regarding the proposed amendments to the Limitation Acts and other civil justice amendments that were recommended.

I am happy to limit the time-frame to 1 January 2025 until today, and I do not require the names of any junior staff, or the contact details of any staff.”

On 30 September 2025, you advised MoJ which civil justice amendments you were interested in and agreed to narrow your request to the following:

“The “civil justice amendments” I am interested in relate to those arising from the Royal Commission’s Recommendations 75-76, 78-82, 84, and 91-92 in its December 2021 report: He Purapura Ora, he Māra Tipu from Redress to Puretumu Torowhānui.

I am prepared to narrow my request to Reports, decision documents, meeting notes and email correspondence which relate to the substantive consideration of the recommendations; and exclude administrative email correspondence.”

On 2 October 2025 CRO responded to your original request, which we did not narrow. We sent you links to three relevant documents. As all documents within scope of your request were already publicly available, we refused your request under s 18(d) of the OIA.

On 22 October 2025 the MoJ transferred part of their clarified request to CRO under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA. The part of the request transferred related to the Government’s consideration of recommendations 82, 91, and 92 of the Royal Commission’s 2021 report *He Purapura Ora, he Māra Tipu from Redress to Puretumu Torowhānui*.

Recommendation 91

Recommendation 91 states:

Institutions should use their best endeavours to resolve claims in the lead-up to the establishment of the puretumu torowhānui scheme and should offer settlements that do not prejudice survivors’ rights under the new puretumu torowhānui scheme or under any legislation enacted in response to our recommendations on civil litigation.

The Government declined this recommendation. As detailed in the [Crown Response Plan](#), it was declined because, “*Existing State redress agencies have continued to resolve claims while the Royal Commission’s redress recommendations are considered. Settlements did not guarantee access to an improved redress system for survivors with settled claims.*”

Recommendations 82 and 92

Recommendation 82 states:

The Crown should draw up a model litigant policy to replace the Attorney-General’s civil litigation values, and the policy should be:

- *consistent with the contents of this report*
- *completed within 12 months of the Governor-General receiving this report.*

Recommendation 92 states:

Institutions should, until our limitation reform recommendations are implemented, rely on limitation defences only in cases where they reasonably consider a fair trial will not be possible.

As per our previous response of 2 October 2025, the information requested is publicly available. Therefore, I am refusing your request under s 18(d) of the OIA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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