



Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson

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Tanya Peterson

By email: soldiersclaim@hotmail.com

Dear Ms Peterson

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2017 expressing concern at whether the correct agency is responding to the Primary Production Select Committee's inquiry regarding your petition.

To confirm – your petition is not being considered as part of Wai 2500 - The Maori Veterans' Affairs Inquiry currently being heard by the Waitangi Tribunal. The matter came to the Ministry of Justice and the Secretary referred the matter to the Office of Treaty Settlements - a division within the Ministry of Justice - which possesses historian resource which is well positioned and experienced in investigating historical claims similar to the one set out in your petition.

The matter is not one of direct concern to me in my capacity of Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, which are undertaken by the Office of Treaty Settlements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Finlayson".

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations