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Dear Ms Peterson

### **Legal Aid Tribunal**

Thank you for your further email of 18 January 2016 regarding documents you have requested from the Ministry of Justice.

As Minister for Courts, my ministerial responsibilities are limited to ensuring New Zealand's courts and tribunals receive the resources they require to make decisions in cases before them. To maintain public confidence in the independence of our courts and tribunals, it is important that I cannot, and cannot be seen to, influence their decisions or processes. For these reasons it would not be appropriate for me to comment on the specific details of any case heard by the Legal Aid Tribunal.

I understand that the Ministry of Justice has replied to you on numerous occasions.

I must advise that I can provide no further assistance to you in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams  
**Minister for Courts**

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