



24 June 2016

Via email to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act 1982 request: Superu involvement in response to Law Commission Report: *Understanding Family Violence: Reforming the Criminal Law Relating to Homicide*

I am writing in response to your correspondence on 24 May 2016 to Hon Steven Joyce, Minister for Economic Development, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1. *What has been the involvement of Superu in ensuring that the Family Violence Death Review Committee used scientific evidence in compiling its Fourth Annual Report?*
2. *What has been the involvement of Superu in ensuring that the Law Commission used scientific evidence in compiling its Report R139 Understanding Family Violence: Reforming the Criminal Law Relating to Homicide?*
3. *What will be the involvement of Superu in ensuring that the Ministry of Justice uses scientific evidence in considering its response to the Law Commission's Report R139 Understanding Family Violence: Reforming the Criminal Law Relating to Homicide?*
4. *What will be the involvement of Superu in ensuring that the Minister of Justice uses scientific evidence in considering her response to her Ministry's response to the Law Commission's Report R139 Understanding Family Violence: Reforming the Criminal Law relating to Homicide?*

On 27 May, the first two questions were transferred to Superu, while questions three and four were transferred to the Minister of Justice.



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Answers to questions asked

1. *What has been the involvement of Superu in ensuring that the Family Violence Death Review Committee used scientific evidence in compiling its Fourth Annual Report?*

Superu provided peer review on a draft of the Family Violence Death Review Committee Fourth Annual Report.

2. *What has been the involvement of Superu in ensuring that the Law Commission used scientific evidence in compiling its Report R139 Understanding Family Violence: Reforming the Criminal Law relating to Homicide?*

To the best of our knowledge Superu did not have input into the *Law Commission report R139, Understanding family violence: Reforming the criminal law relating to homicide*.

Please note both documents, the *Fourth Annual Report for the Family Violence Death Review Committee* and *Law Commission's Report, R139 Understanding Family Violence: Reforming the Criminal Law Relating to Homicide* are available publicly.

No information requested has been withheld.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive