SUBMISSION FROM RACHELLE LOUISE

To the commissioner,

I write to you with regard to the review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act).

I think it is most certainly pertinent for the aspect of police recording/reporting to be made more readily available to those finding themselves in court proceedings. For example: the police should provide the defence with the running sheet (hand written) along with the running sheet which is typed in to their database. The police should provide records of meetings and all information relating to court cases as opposed to selecting what they believe to be relevant for the defence.

This is a huge problem within the judicial system. Many miscarriages of justice have later been discovered upon the discovery of discrepancies in key information which was not made readily available to the defence- In fact was made difficult to obtain from the police. Perhaps a separate body should be set up to govern this area.

I understand that the prosecution has the duty to provide to the accused all information whether it favours the prosecution's case or not. The Police should be placed under the same obligation as the Police inform the prosecution's case.

Kind regards Rachelle Louise