17 December 2014

Mr

AUCKLAND

Email: @yahoo.co

Dear Mr,

REQUEST UNDER THE PUBLIC AUDIT ACT 2001 FOR AN INQUIRY AND A PERFORMANCE AUDIT INTO ACTIVITIES AT THE OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN

We have reviewed the information you sent us in your email of 5 November 2014.

We have noted your concerns about the handling of your complaint by staff at the Office of the Ombudsman, and what you suggest that may indicate about that office’s systems.

While your letter is more specific than your previous correspondence, we will not be carrying out the specific investigation you request. We have no role in assessing the individual performance of staff in other entities. That is the responsibility of each entity. We note that you have raised your concerns with the Chief Ombudsman as is appropriate.

The Office is part of a broader accountability system for public sector entities. Our primary role is to undertake financial audits of all public entities. In doing so, we provide assurance to the public and parliament about the extent to which they can rely on public entities’ financial statements and in some cases performance information. Parliamentary Select Committees are charged with holding entities to account for their use of public funds. They fulfil this function, in part, through the annual review process. We provide advice to the Committee, but ultimately the Committee completes the review.

As advised previously, we have noted your comments and will bear them in mind during our on-going work with the Ombudsman. Beyond that I am afraid that we cannot be of any more assistance to you.

Kind regards

Maria Rawiri
Sector Manager