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IN-CONFIDENCE

Kia ora Charlotte,

Just flagging this feedback, we have received from MOJ on the adoptions briefing with you.

9(2)(g)(i)

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I think the best approach would be to meet with the MOJ team so that we can come to an understanding on how agencies would like to take this forward ahead of this going to Ministers.

Ngā mihi,

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Ata mārie Sarah,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this briefing.

We have left some specific comments and suggested changes in the attached document.

Overall, it would be good to align our messaging to Ministers to strengthen our advice. We would be more comfortable with a briefing that more closely aligns with the briefing we sent to Minister McKee in March (attached for your reference) – noting the value of the operational insights that the draft briefing provides.

We wonder whether the recommendations should be reframed to better reflect the content of the briefing, including the operational impacts of the legislative frameworks. 9(2)(f)(iv)

We also have some comments regarding the framing of the issues with sections 3 and 17 of the Adoption Act, and the characterisation of the Ministry of Justice's work programme discussions with Ministers.

Happy to discuss further.

Ngā mihi nui, nā
Ellen



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SENSITIVE

Kia ora,

Following on from my request on Friday for feedback and comments on the Adoption Law reform Brief we are preparing for our minister, I have attached an updated and amended version of the Adoption Briefing above.

Please discard the previous document that I sent out as it was missing the case study and there have been a few amendments already made following initial feedback.

Thank you,

Ngā mihi nui,

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Kia ora koutou,

Following on from the ministerial Briefing that the Ministry of Justice prepared in March and our ongoing concerns about the level of risk the Adoption Act currently creates, we have prepared a draft briefing for the Minister of Children on adoption issues and adoption law reform.

Please find attached our draft 'Adoption Law Reform Briefing' for your feedback and comments. Please forward this on to anyone else in your team who may be better placed to respond but note that this is 'Sensitive'.

We would point out that this **9(2)(f)(iv)**

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MOJ we are happy to have a discussion with you on this if that would be beneficial.

Could I please have any feedback you may have by **Thursday 27 June COP**. Following the review of your feedback and our final internal sign outs, we intend to send it off to our Minister by the **5 July**. **9(2)(f)(iv)**

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Thank you,

Ngā mihi nui,

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