

**Government response to recommendations of the Legal Affairs and Community
Safety Committee *Report No. 9 Oversight of the Office of the Information
Commissioner*, tabled 14 September 2015**

The Government has considered the Committee's recommendations in this report and provides the following response to the recommendations directed to Government:

Recommendation 2: The committee recommends the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice confirm whether the Government intends to conduct the strategic review of the Office of the Information Commissioner under the *Right to Information Act 2009* and if so, when and with what action it will commence; and when a reviewer will be appointed.

Response

The Government intends to conduct the strategic review of the Office of the Information Commissioner as required under the *Right to Information Act 2009*. The Government is committed to proper consultation and is keen to progress the review in the near future. As considerable time has passed since the Information Commissioner and the Parliamentary Committee were consulted on terms of reference for the review, consultation will occur with the Information Commissioner and the Parliamentary Committee about proposed updated terms of reference and the appointment of the reviewer.

Recommendation 3: The committee recommends the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice fulfil the legislative requirement to review the relevant sections of the *Right to Information Act 2009* and *Information Privacy Act 2009* as required by those Acts; and advise the committee about when this will be done.

Response

Consistent with the Government's election commitment, the review will be completed. The Government will as soon as possible provide further advice to the Committee about the review process. As part of the review process, further consultation will occur with the Office of the Information Commissioner.