

Response from Dr McGregor, emailed on 15 March 2017

Kia ora Ruth

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate your efforts to inform me of such issues. My apologies for the wait for a response.

As the Chief Victims Advisor to Government, you will understand that I, like Minister Adams, am unable to comment on specific cases or advocate for specific cases where people have been victimised.

Your letter asked for responses from Government to questions about child protection and family violence, which, as I'm sure you will appreciate, I am also not in a position to answer. I'm sorry.

As you will be aware, my role is to provide direct advice to the Minister about ways in which victims' experiences in the justice system can be improved. Questions of support for victims of family violence involved in family court proceedings are hugely important. Please be assured that when ever possible I provide high level advice to the Minister on these matters.

Please feel free to contact me with any matters of concern to you in the future and thank you for your continued advocacy focused on keeping women and children safe.

Nga mihi nui

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