

# Hon Andrew Little

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Dear Mr Gunasekara

## Privacy Bill

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2020 about the merits of the Privacy Bill (the Bill) and its passage through Parliament.

First, I would like to thank the Privacy Foundation for its contribution to the development of the Bill and your assistance to the Justice officials who have been working on it. I agree that strong privacy protections play a significant role in maintaining public trust and confidence in government and the passing of the Bill will help to uphold this. Updating our privacy law through the Bill will also assist in mitigating the risks arising from increasing e-commerce and e-government.

You have noted the importance of the Bill being enacted as soon as possible. Passing the Bill remains a government priority. However, I am unable to give you a specific time for when the Bill will be enacted as parliamentary business is flexible, and the Bill's priority on the order paper will vary depending on what other matters need House time.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Little'.

Hon Andrew Little  
Minister of Justice

cc Hon Chris Hipkins  
Leader of the House