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To: Hon Selena Uibo

Portfolio: Attorney-General & Justice

Agency: Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Subject: Consultant for the Whole-of-Government Justice Framework

QUESTION:

The previous Attorney-General said in her maiden speech:

We know our justice system, as a whole, requires a root and branch reform. It is not possible for us to keep doing what we are doing. To that end our whole-of-government justice framework will be delivered by the end of 2017.

I note the former Attorney-General also said:

Our government will not accept blame shifting.

That would appear to be the last we ever heard of such wide-sweeping reform. Can the current Attorney-General please advise if a consultant was ever hired to conduct such a review?

ANSWER:

Yes an external organisation was hired to develop a justice framework.