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dear sir

after reading the 'Review of the Right to Information Act 2009 and Chapter 3 of the Information Privacy Act 2009' there is most outrageous statement under the heading 'Communications between Ministers and Departments'

'To enable Government to function effectively, it is important that Ministers and departmental staff, whether they are outposted to Ministers offices (departmental liaison officers) or otherwise, are able to communicate freely.'

why exactly does keeping secrets, allow departments to function more effectively? I expect the opposite to be true, having transparent, accountable communication would ensure that all decisions had a clear, unambiguous audit trail. Leaving both the minister and staff free from unfounded accusations in the decision making process.

regards

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