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Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Sentencing (Domestic Violence) Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Sentencing (Domestic Violence) Amendment Bill ('the Bill'), a member's bill in the name of Hon Nanaia Mahuta MP, is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 ('the Bill of Rights Act').
2. The Bill is intended to improve the reporting of domestic violence offending by, at section 9 of the Sentencing Act 2002, adding domestic violence to the list of aggravating factors to be taken into account at sentencing.
3. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Bill of Rights Act.

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