



**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
**CHIEF HIGH COURT JUDGE RESPONDS TO REPORT ON**  
**SUPPRESSION BREACHES**  
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The Chief High Court Judge, Justice Helen Winkelmann, says the judges welcome the Marshall report released today on the publication of names of victims in criminal cases on the Ministry of Justice Judicial Decisions Online website.

"The report confirms the Ministry is responsible for ensuring judgments published on its website comply with suppression requirements."

"The recommendations to improve Ministry processes for checking decisions are a proper reflection of that responsibility. The decisions that were published in error were subject to statutory suppressions which the Ministry ought to have picked up."

Justice Winkelmann says the judges are working with the Ministry to ensure that mistakes of this kind will not occur again.

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