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Tēnā koe Mr kern

**Official Information Act request**

I am replying to your email of 21 July 2013 in which you have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, information about the number of times that Family Court Judges have referred instances of perceived perjury to New Zealand Police for consideration of prosecution.

Unfortunately, I am not able to provide you with the information you have requested as it is not recorded in the Ministry's Case Management System. I am therefore declining your request as permitted by s 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation or local authority.

You may wish to try searching in online legal databases for perjury cases and then searching within those cases to see where the complaint came from. However, this may not provide you with an accurate picture of the total number of perjury cases referred by Family Court Judges. Some legal databases are publically available online (such as <http://www.nzlii.org/>) but other publishers (such as LexisNexis and Brookers) require subscription to their online services.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

Heoi anō, nā



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