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Tēnā koe Mark

Official Information Act request: Bailiffs

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2024, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to the powers and duties of bailiffs in New Zealand. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Are they permitted to carry weapons (since they have the powers of a constable)?*
- 2. How do bailiffs in practice, arrest people?*
- 3. Can bailiffs pull vehicles over?*
- 4. Do bailiffs carry handcuffs?*
- 5. What is the procedure when a person is arrested?*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) has decided to grant part of your request. However, it will take additional time to prepare the information for release. We will send you the information by 27 March 2024, without undue delay. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

I must advise that parts 1, 3 and 4 of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available. A bailiff is appointed to exercise the powers and performance of duties set out in section 68 of the District Court Act 2016. You can find this information at: legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2016/0049/latest/DLM6942360.html/

In response to parts 2 and 5 of your request, I can advise that one document being prepared for release. Some information that is out of scope of your request has been withheld.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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