

2 May 2024

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Our reference: CAR 111156
Case number: CSU-2021-AUK-001059

Tēnā koe Erika,

Request for information from the Coroners Court file regarding Isabella Rangimohia ALEXANDER

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2024 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting information off the coronial file regarding the late Isabella Alexander. I am responding to your request under the Coroners Act 2006 (the Act).

Your request referred to a 15 September 2021 New Zealand Herald Media article which referenced a Coroners Court Case into the death of a teenager. Specifically, you requested:

“Kindly share for this death on 10 Sep 2021 for this teenager:

- 1. the date that the Coroner's investigation began;*
- 2. the date that the Coroner's report was concluded.*
- 3. Please include the dates for Coronial Autopsy Report and*
- 4. the date of concluding Principal Pathological Findings. “*

Based on the information provided to us in your request of 5 April, the Ministry identified the Coroner Court file that we believe you are requesting information to be that of the late Isabella Alexander. I have therefore outlined below my response to your request from the information contained on the Coroners Court file for this identified case.

In response to part 1 of your request, the Secretary for Justice was notified by the coroner that an inquiry was opened on 14 September 2021.

In response to part 2 of your request, the Ministry can advise that the coroner's findings are dated 7 December 2022.

In response to part 3 and 4 of your request, the Ministry can advise that the date of post-mortem is 11 September 2021. The coronial post-mortem report, which includes the principal pathological findings, is dated 24 September 2021.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response, please contact Joe Locke, Media & Social Media Manager, on 021 636 416, or email media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with the decision on information released to you under the Coroners Act 2006 you can make a complaint to the Chief Coroner. The Chief Coroner may be contacted by email at officeofthechiefcoroner@justice.govt.nz or by writing to the Office of the Chief Coroner at DX SX 11166, Wellington.

I trust this information assists.

Nāku noa, nā



Jacquelyn Shannon

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