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Our ref: OIA 75320

Dear Mr Wilson

**Official information request for cannabis offences**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 10 May 2019 for “the total cost of enforcing, prosecution and incarceration of cannabis offenses”.

The information you have requested is not held by the Ministry of Justice. In regard to the parts of your request for the total cost of enforcing and prosecution of cannabis offenses, I have consulted with the New Zealand Police and they have advised they hold this information. I have therefore transferred this part of your request to the New Zealand Police under section 14 of the OIA.

In regard to the parts of your request for the total cost of incarceration of cannabis offenses, I have consulted with the Department of Corrections and they have advised they hold this information. I have therefore transferred this part of your request to the Department of Corrections under section 14 of the OIA.

You will hear from both, the New Zealand Police and Department of Corrections in due course. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to transfer your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely  
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