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Dear Mr Mckenzie

Official Information Act 1982 request

I am responding to a section of your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 5 February 2020 to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) regarding student loan arrest data. You requested the following information from DIA:

1. *Could I please have the full costings of court appearances, 2 per head – initial court appearance and second final hearing?*
2. *Cost of being arrested, as well as overnight police cell holding costs?*
3. *Cost of resources, hourly rate of tax agent dedicated to each case?*
4. *Has the amount collected, \$30,000, covered the costs of what has been spent by the taxpayer?*
5. *How many of the arrested resulted in a criminal conviction and reason why?*
6. *And finally, how many of the arrested were unable to pay or refused to pay?*

On 5 February 2020, DIA transferred the following part of your request to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) for response:

5. *How many of the arrested resulted in a criminal conviction and reason why?*

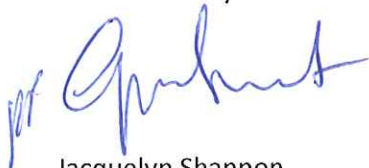
The Ministry is unable to provide the information you have requested. In this instance, there is no specific offence code for this offending that would allow the Ministry to provide data in the way you have requested. Information on whether a person received a criminal conviction for this offence and the reason why are held on the individual court file. Information on the court file constitutes court information. Courts are excluded from the OIA under section 2(6)(a). Therefore, the information you have requested may not be obtained under the OIA.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response, please contact Jerram Watts, Team Leader (Acting), Media, by calling (04) 918 8980; or emailing media@justice.govt.nz

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Thank you again for your email.

Yours sincerely



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