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Tēnā koe Mr Whittington

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 2 March 2021 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) regarding private prosecutions. Your request was for the following:

1. *All documents, manuals or reports regarding private prosecutions in New Zealand; and*
2. *Anything that helps citizens understand the process of how to proceed with a private prosecutions*

In response to part 1 of your request, the information you request does not exist. We have consulted the Ministry Research and Evaluation team and the Ministry Library who advise the Ministry has not produced "*documents, manuals [and] reports regarding private prosecutions in New Zealand.*" Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA.

In response to part 2 of your request, information that "*helps citizens understand the process of how to proceed with private prosecutions*" is publicly available on the Ministry website. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA. You may access this information at: justice.govt.nz/about/lawyers-and-service-providers/criminal-procedure-act/charging-documents/
I have also enclosed news articles which provide information on private prosecutions at Appendix 1.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Alison Horwood, Media Manager, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8836; 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

I trust that this information assists.

Nāku noa, nā



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Encl: Appendix 1: News articles which provide information on private prosecutions

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