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Tēnā koe Mary Phillips

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 22 April 2021 to Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Justice, about the Disputes Tribunal. Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) for response as it is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry. I am responding as Group Manager, Courts and Tribunals, Regional Service Delivery.

Your request was for the following:

“Why when I purchase a service from a GST registered Incorporated Society they are able to convince the Disputes Tribunal that they cannot hear my dispute and I need to go to the High Court and seek Judicial Review. If I purchase a service from a GST Registered trader who is not incorporated with the Inc Society the Disputes Tribunal can hear my dispute.”

The information you have requested is not held by the Ministry. This is because you are seeking an answer to a question as opposed to specific documents and the Ministry does not hold any official information in response to this request. Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the Ministry does not hold this information and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority subject to the OIA.

You may like to speak with a lawyer to help explain these actions, and to discuss any options available to you in these proceedings moving forward. Free legal advice and information is available at your local Community Law Centre or Citizens Advice Bureau. You can find your nearest centre at communitylaw.org.nz or cab.org.nz

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

Thank you for writing.

Nāku noa, nā



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