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Tēnā koe Dave

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 28 April 2021 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). On 7 May 2021, the Ministry contacted you to clarify your request and on 11 May 2021, you clarified your request as relating to the following process:

“If a respondent chooses to exit the...Family Court process, their lawyer will submit a Notice of Discontinuance. I know of several people who been through this process where they have simply given up on pursuing parental orders and walk away from the process. Notice of Discontinuance is Rule 195A Family Court Rules 2002.”

I must advise the Ministry does not report on information with the level of detail required to respond to your clarified request. The Ministry holds information on the number of “Notice of Discontinuance” applications filed under “Rule 195A Family Court Rules 2002” but does not report on whether these applications are filed by the applicant or respondent to applications for parenting orders filed under the Care of Children Act 2004.

I am therefore refusing your clarified request under section 18(g) of the OIA as there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by the Ministry, another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority.

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

Nāku noa, nā

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