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Ref: OIA 89652

Dear Will Inglis

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 27 July 2021 for the following information:

- 1. Data regarding the number of homicide/murder cases currently before the Courts*
- 2. Data regarding the number of homicide cases heard and/or decided on in the past three months*
- 3. A breakdown of these cases by verdict e.g. still being heard, guilty, not guilty, charge reduced to manslaughter, or something similar*

In response to the first part of your request, as at the 30 June 2021, there were 101 active cases for murder or manslaughter. This data includes cases awaiting sentencing as well as those awaiting trial, or in the early stages of the court process.

In response to the second and third parts of your request, please refer to the attached table which provides the number of disposed homicide cases which is then broken down by disposal type. The data provided is from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in accordance with s28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, calling 0800 802 602 or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Number of disposed homicide cases, broken down by disposal type, 1 April 2021 - 30 June 2021

Case Disposal Type	Heard-Found Guilty	Guilty Plea	Heard-Found Not Guilty	Other Outcome	Withdrawn	Total
Number of cases	9	1	1	1	1	13

- This data counts a cases most serious homicide charge from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.
- Disposal Date is based on the date of the final outcome.
- This table includes data for ANZSOC subdivision 011: Murder.