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Tēnā koe David

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 8 August 2021 (ref OIA 21/22 0119)

Thank you for your OIA request dated 8 August 2021 to the Department of Internal Affairs (Department). You requested –

“On 3 October 2016 a new requirement was inserted into the Gambling Act at section 110(4B), which says:

“(4B) A corporate society must, in accordance with the regulations, provide the Secretary with an electronic version of every statement published under subsection (4).”

This request is made for a copy every such statement provided to the Secretary, since the Act was thus amended. I further request that the information be provided to me exactly as it was provided to the Secretary (i.e., as a copy of the original "electronic version").”

Response to your request

Section 110(4) provides that the specified grants information that must be published at least annually and s.110(4B) provides that – “A corporate society must, in accordance with the regulations, provide the Secretary with an electronic version of every statement published under subsection (4)”.

In the absence of any regulations specifying how and when corporate societies should supply electronic versions of their published grants statement to the Department, societies do not have to provide that information directly to the Secretary. The Department therefore does not have the information requested.

Corporate societies still have to comply with section 110(4) by publishing grants information at least annually and with the Gambling (Net proceeds) Regulations 2004 by making that information available on the societies' websites. You are able to obtain the information requested by sourcing it from each corporate societies' website. Your request for this information under the OIA is therefore refused in reliance on section 18(d); the information is publicly available.

If you are dissatisfied with the Department's decision on your request for information, you have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602, via post at PO Box 10152 Wellington or via email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Robson'.

Dave Robson
Director Gambling