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Dear Mr Collins

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request on 10 August 2021 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting information regarding Ministry funded family violence programmes.

You have asked for:

- *The MOJ "Providers Guidelines / Protocol" for the following Free safety services/courses by the family court;*
 - *Children's Safety Programme,*
 - *Women's Non-violence Programme,*
 - *Men's Non-violence Programme,*
 - *Men's Safety Programme,*
 - *Women's Safety Programme*
- *How many person of each category were referred to those programmes since 2010 to 2020.*

I am now providing you with information in response to each of your requests, however there are some limitations on what the Ministry can provide to you. Please note that the Ministry does not hold data for programmes prior to 2014. Programmes, in their current format, were only funded by the Ministry of Justice from 1 October 2014. Therefore, I am refusing part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA.

Provider Guidelines/Protocol

Detailed guidance for providers of family violence programmes is set out in our Code of Practice. The Code of Practice is split into three parts. I refer you to the three documents attached with this letter:

- 'Part 1 – Overview' contains an overview for all Ministry funded Family Violence Programmes,
- 'Part 2 – Non-Violence Programmes' contains information relating to Men's and Women's Non-Violence Programmes and,
- 'Part 3 – Safety Programmes' contains information relating to Women's, Men's and Children's Safety Programmes.

The number of people referred to programmes from 2014 to 2020

I refer you to the tables below for the number of Family Court referrals per year for each of the Family Violence Programmes. Please note the Ministry is only able to provide the total number of referrals made in any given period however an individual may have had more than one referral across this period. There are a number of reasons someone may be referred more than once to a programme including re-referral from the court, a change in service provider or repeating a safety programme. Please also be aware as advised above programme data is only available from October 2014.

Table 1 contains information on the number of referrals per year for Child Safety Programmes. Table 2 contains information on the number of referrals per year for Adult Safety Programmes and is separated by gender. Table 3 contains information on the number of referrals per year for Non-Violence Programmes and is also separated by gender.

Table 1: Child Safety Programme Referrals from the Family Court between 2014 and 2020, by Calendar Year

	2014*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Child	149	1,322	1,713	1,911	2,087	2,088	1,947	11,217

**Includes only 1 October – 31 December*

Table 2: Adult Safety Programme Referrals from the Family Court between 2014 and 2020, by Calendar Year and Gender

	2014*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Totals
Female	430	2,086	2,470	2,615	2,750	2,902	2,916	16,169
Male	15	62	48	72	68	68	78	411
Unknown	1	3	9	12	16	28	38	107
Total	446	2,151	2,527	2,699	2,834	2,998	3,032	16,687

**Includes only 1 October – 31 December*

Table 3: Non-Violence Programme Referrals from the Family Court between 2014 and 2020, by Calendar Year and Gender

	2014*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Totals
Female	63	259	269	326	342	388	473	2,120
Male	778	3,535	4,049	4,747	4,761	4,846	5,050	27,766
Unknown	5	7	12	56	49	53	48	230
Total	846	3,801	4,330	5,129	5,152	5,287	5,571	30,116

**Includes only 1 October – 31 December*

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; emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or calling 0800 802 602.

I trust that this information assists.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "HMacKenzie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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