



22 August 2014

Ms Katherine RAUE

Official Information Act Request
OIA Ref: OIA353/1

I refer to your email of 25 July 2014 to the Crown Law Office requesting information pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) with respect to:

- The decision to prosecute in R v M; and
- The costs of that prosecution.

I understand Crown Law Crown Counsel, Charlotte Brook, has provided you with a partial response to your request. The part of your information request relating to the decision to prosecute, and the Police costs associated with the prosecution has been transferred by Crown Law to Police.

In response to that transferred part of your information request, I can advise that the Taranaki Criminal Investigation Branch considered prosecution of this matter in accordance with the test for prosecution framework established under the Solicitor General's Prosecution Guidelines. The test for prosecution was assessed as met, in that the evidential test and the public interest test were both satisfied.

In regards to the information sought with respect to costs associated with the prosecution, this is refused under s 18(e), in that the information requested does not exist

Thank you for your interest in this matter. I trust this response addresses your information request. If you are dissatisfied with the Police response you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to have the Police response investigated.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Kind Regards.

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