



17 May 2022

Erika Whittome

By email: fyi-request-19193-8bb3246b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Erika

Official information request: *Attorney-General v Yardley*

Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request dated 22 April for:
 - Kindly share the current status of this appeal, and its scheduled dates for hearings, appearances etc.
 - Kindly share the expenditure of the law office on this particular appeal to date and expected spend.
2. In relation to the first question, the appeal has been filed with the Court of Appeal. The next relevant date is 25 June 2022, by which time the appellant must file a case on appeal and apply for a hearing date.
3. In relation to the second question, Crown Law has so far recorded \$24,097.30 in fees for the appeal. Although we have not provided a formal estimate of costs for the appeal, we would expect the total expenditure for the appeal to be around \$100,000.

Proactive release

4. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

Review of this decision

5. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

6. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully

Crown Law

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Vicki McCall', written in a cursive style.

Vicki McCall
Crown Counsel