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Tēnā koe Spencer

Official Information Act Request

Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your email of 11 July 2022 in which you request information on “the pay scales that are attainable as a Crown Law prosecutor”. Specifically “the various pay scales for Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 Prosecutors and any other pay scale information.”
2. While Crown Law funds Crown prosecutions, it does not employ any prosecutors. Crown prosecutors are employed by private firms at which a Crown Solicitor is a partner. There are currently 16 Crown Solicitors appointed for 17 regions around the country. A list of the Crown Solicitors and their contact details are available on the Crown Law [website](#). Crown Law does not hold remuneration information about prosecutors employed by Crown Solicitor firms.
3. The information requested is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).
4. Your reference to the level 1, 2, 3 and 4 prosecutors appears to relate to a previous version of our classification framework for in-house prosecutors at other governments agencies who conduct non-Crown prosecutions. This framework exists as part of the Solicitor-General’s oversight function and does not relate to the remuneration of prosecutors by the prosecuting agencies.
5. While I am unable to provide details of how much prosecutors are paid, I can advise the rates a Crown Solicitor can charge out at for work on criminal prosecutions on instructions from government departments. The current hourly rates based on the level of Crown prosecutor are:
 - Principal prosecutor \$309;
 - Senior prosecutor \$260;
 - Intermediate prosecutor \$208; and
 - Junior prosecutor \$151.

6. You have the right, by way of complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review of our decision on your request for information.

Proactive release

7. 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.

Nāku noa, nā

Crown Law



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