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Tēnā koe Erika

Official Information Act request: Collection of COVID-19 related fines

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the collection of COVID-19 related fines. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Where the fines have not been collected by Worksafe and the infringement has been transferred to you, please share the budget spent to date on court appearances and legal costs for these fine collection to date.*
- 2. Please share the budget allocated for this financial year for using the courts to attempt to collect these fines.*

The Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) does not maintain a separate register of costs relating to specific court actions in relation to the collection of fines or reparations. The Ministry does not therefore hold data on costs for collections actions (including any court events) relating to Worksafe fines where the infringement has been transferred to the Ministry, nor is there any specific allocated budget for any of these costs.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds that the information you have requested does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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