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Tēnā koe I

### **Official Information Act request: Legal aid providers**

Thank you for request of 22 August 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to criminal and civil legal aid providers. Specifically, you requested:

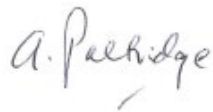
1. *The number of providers with approval to accept only Criminal provider approval level 1 assignments as a lead provider (not including limited approvals) for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
2. *How many of those providers with only that approval level accepted more than five assignments in total for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
3. *The number of providers with approval to accept both Criminal provider approval level 1 and 2 assignments as a lead provider (not including limited approvals) for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
4. *How many of those providers with those approval levels accepted more than five assignments at either level in total for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
5. *The number of providers with approval to accept Criminal provider approval level 1, 2, and 3 assignments as a lead provider (not including limited approvals) for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
6. *How many of those providers with all of those approval levels accepted more than five assignments in total at any of those levels for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
7. *The number of providers with approval to accept Criminal provider approval level 1, 2, 3, and 4 assignments as a lead provider (not including limited approvals) for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
8. *How many of those providers with all of those approval levels accepted more than 5 assignments in total at any of those levels for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
9. *How many criminal legal aid providers had PDLA approval for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
10. *How many providers were on the PDLA roster for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*

11. *The number of providers with approval to accept Court of Appeal and Supreme Court assignments as a lead provider (not including limited approvals) for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
12. *How many of those providers with that approval accepted more than 2 assignments for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
13. *How many providers were approved for the PDLA scheme in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
14. *How many criminal legal aid providers were actually on the PDLA roster to receive calls for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
15. *How many Civil legal aid providers (not including employment) were there for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and*
16. *How many of those Civil legal aid providers received more than three assignments in the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act I have made the decision to grant your request. The information is currently being finalised and the response will be provided to you as soon as possible. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about this decision under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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