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Tēnā koe Harwood

## Official Information Act request: Wrongful convictions

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2023, in which you requested information regarding wrongfully convicted people:

'A list of all cases sent to court which have originally been convicted at guilty then later found as wrongfully found guilty since January 2003. Please also state the officer in charge of each investigation'

On 14 June and 21 June 2023, the Ministry sought to clarify your request with you, advising you that your request would be closed if a response was not received from you by 23 June. A response from you was not received.

The Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) does not hold the information that has been requested. This information may be held on the court file; however, courts are excluded from the operation of the Act under section 2(6)(a). I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry, or any other agency subject to the Act. The courts would be best placed to help you with this, and we suggest approaching them for help to access your requested information.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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