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Wilson Harlow

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Dear K

Official Information Act Request

Our Ref: OIA353/1

On 6 August 2023 you sent an email request to the Ministry of Justice seeking information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) about judicial entitlements including monetary and non-monetary payments and benefits.

Your request was transferred to the Crown Law Office for a response. The information you have requested is held by the Crown Law Office in the Solicitor-General's function of supporting the Attorney-General as senior law officer. The ombudsmen have noted that the office of Attorney-General falls outside the scope of the Act (Ombudsman's Quarterly Review (1999) Vol 5, issue 2, p4, and Case No W41067, 12th Compendium of Case Notes of the Ombudsman). As such, information about judicial entitlements is not official information that is subject to the Act.

You can find publicly available information about judges' remuneration and superannuation in the following determinations of the Remuneration Authority (at www.legislation.govt.nz):

- Judicial Officer Salaries and Allowances (2022/2023) Determination 2022
- Judicial Officer Superannuation Determination 2019

In accordance with s 19 of the Act, I advise you have a right, by way of complaint under s 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by way of complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802602.

Yours faithfully

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