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Ref: OIA 108271

Tēnā koe Erika

Official Information Act request: Siouxsie Wiles information – High Court Judges Conference 2022

Thank you for your email of 22 November 2023 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) in which, you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) information concerning Siouxsie Wiles' attendance at the High Court Judges Conference in 2022. Specifically, you requested:

Kindly provide all memos, emails and correspondence covering to:

- 1. The minutes for the decision to approach Ms Wiles and request she speak at this conference, and the background for this decision.
- 2. Who invited Ms Wiles to the conference.
- 3. All dealings, emails etc for the conference coordinator who booked her for this conference between the Johnson Laird agency and this coordinator.
- 4. The speaking or appearance fee(s) paid to Ms Wiles plus any expenses or disbursements to Ms Wiles
- 5 The agenda for the conference that covered her speaking engagement.

Your request has been referred to me for response, as it falls within my responsibilities as Manager, Ministerial Relations and Services and is being managed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is Judicial information and is not held by the Ministry.

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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Manager, Ministerial Relations and Services