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Ref: OIA 114408

Tēnā koe Bevan

Official Information Act request: Private Prosecutions

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), information regarding the guidance for District Court Registrars. Specifically, you requested the following:

According to your response to OIA 108818, a small number of charging documents filed by private prosecutors are accepted for filing by Registrars and not referred to a District Court Judge. I request all guidance, policies, and advice given to District Court Registrars regarding the handling of charging documents filed by private prosecutors.

A response to your request is being prepared. However, due to consultation required, this cannot be reasonably made in the original time limit. As such, I am extending your request by 10 working days under section 15A of the Act. You can expect to receive a response by no later than 6 September 2024. We will endeavour to respond to you earlier.

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

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to extend the time for responding to your request. 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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