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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 Act), guidance for District Court Registrars in processing charging documents filed by private prosecutors. 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.

The information that you are seeking on guidance, policies and advice given to registrars regarding the handling of private prosecutions, is judicial information as defined by Schedule 1 of the District Court Act 2016.

Judicial information is not subject to the Act under section 2(6)(a). Therefore, I must refuse your request under section 18(g)(i) on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry or any other agency subject to the Act.

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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