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Tēnā koe Erika,

Official Information Act request relating to Yardley High Court case

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 8 March 2026. You requested:

I request information from early 2022 pursuant to the Yardley case in the High Court:

*YARDLEY v MINISTER FOR WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SAFETY [2022]
NZHC 975*

[https://www.justice.govt.nz/jdo_documents/workspace___SpacesStore_5574d389_1f74_46c7_99de_60729375adeb.pdf]

Please share any reviews, memos, comments, text messages, WhatsApp (etc) and correspondence to the DPMC and its office from 15 February 2022 until 25 March 2022 about this case Yardley v Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety.

I request any information containing legal advice is also included because it is my experience that redacted responses are completely illegible.

As well as ethical obligations, the attorney client privilege does not cover the cooperation and planning and enabling of the violation of laws. I request that if there are redacted statements, I request confirmation that these redacted statements do not discuss any violations of laws, such as the New Zealand Bill of Rights and the Human Rights Act 1990 or any other legislation.

Searches have been completed of our Information Management Systems, and nothing in scope of your request has been identified. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

If you believe information may be held by another government agency or department that may be of use to you, you can contact them via the Directory of Official Information located here: [Directory of Official Information | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMCs website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined.

Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Cassidy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail.

Alan Cassidy
Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate