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Dear Mr Pearce

Official Information Act 1982 request

I acknowledge your Official Information Act 1982 request of 5 April 2017 to the Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki (MVCOT), requesting information on adoptions. Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Justice for response on 27 April 2017.

Your request was for the following information:

- How many adoptions did Child, Youth and Family Services (now MVCOT) perform in 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- With information to be provided nationally, regionally, and for specific MVCOT branches in Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, South Auckland, Onehunga, Tauranga, Palmerston North and Christchurch.

In response to your request please see the table attached which shows the number of adoptions granted by the Family Court each calendar year, 2014-2016. The Ministry of Justice is unable to provide data by MVCOT office locations. Therefore, data has been provided for each court location and these may differ to MVCOT office locations. It is also important to note that an adoption application may be filed with the court in a different year to that in which it is granted.

Adoptions in New Zealand are managed under the Adoptions Act 1955. MVCOT provides advice and services about adoptions and additional information on this process is available on their website: mvcot.govt.nz/adoption/overview/

People must then apply to the Family Court for an Adoption Order. More information on this process can be found at justice.govt.nz/family/care-of-children/adoption/

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at media@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8980.

Yours sincerely



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