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Ref: OIA 72618

Dear Mr Collins

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2018. You have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to know the number of family court cases applications and applicants appealed in the high court by year appeal/judicial reviews (2000 to 2018), per year, gender and the outcome of the appeals if dismissed or accepted.*

The Ministry started gathering electronic reports relating to appeals from 2005. I can therefore provide you with the number of disposed Family Court appeals filed in the High Court and the outcome of these appeals for the financial years 2005/2006-2017/2018. Please find this information in the attached Table 1.

The Ministry does not record data on the gender of the applicant. Accordingly, I must decline this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there is no reason to believe that it is held by another department.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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**Table 1: Number of Family Court appeals disposed of in High Court per financial year 2005/2006 – 2017/2018, sorted by outcome type**

Application Outcome	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Allowed	28	27	31	37	24	35	24	20	25	34	33	15	19
Dismissed	45	37	51	44	64	56	47	45	43	62	38	49	42
Other	33	28	31	25	37	22	27	25	24	27	31	36	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>83</b>

Please note:

- The dates are based on the application outcome date.
- "Other" includes applications that were abandoned or withdrawn.