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Mr Karl Bloxham

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Dear Mr Bloxham,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request received on 24 March 2019. You have requested the following information about the Public Defence Service for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 under the OIA:

- the number of criminal jury trials from the Auckland District Court where the Public Defence Service has provided representation for the offender, and
- the number of these trials with a 'not guilty' verdict.

Number of criminal jury trials that have proceeded to verdict

The number of criminal jury trials from the Auckland District Court where the Public Defence Service has provided representation for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 is as follows:

PAL	2016	2017	2018	Total
1	*24	0	0	0
2		19	22	41
3		8	11	19
4		1	1	2
Total	24	28	34	86

Number of trials with a 'not guilty' verdict

PAL	2016	2017	2018	Total
1	*3	0	0	0
2		14	10	24
3		5	6	11
4		1	0	1
Total	3	20	16	39

** For 2016, we have limited data available and are therefore unable to confirm the accuracy of the data provided. We have also been unable to identify what PAL level those matters were.*

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Hutchinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Peter Hutchinson
Director, Public Defence Service