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Official Information Act request: Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority records

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2023 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

The Alcohol Regulatory Licencing Authority holds and makes available a current list of alcohol licences; however, the previous versions are not available. Both registers are updated quarterly in February, May, August, and November. The last update was on 14 December 2022. The next update will be February 2023. I wish to request the previous versions of this list for the last 10 years.

While the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) binds the executive arm of government (Ministers and government agencies), under sections 2(6)(a) and (b), tribunals such as the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority, as a part of the judicial arm of government, are specifically excluded from its scope. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry of Justice or any other agency subject to the Act.

The information you have requested is held by the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority. To be helpful, the Ministry has referred your request to the Authority for their response. You will hear from them in due course.

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 Office of 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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