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Official Information Act request – Doctors charged and convicted in New Zealand

Thank you for email of 9 June 2023 to New Zealand Police requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about doctors who have been convicted for importing restricted drugs. On 15 June 2023, your request was partially transferred under section 14 of the Act to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) for response. You have asked:

How many were convicted? Were any jailed or what were the penalties?

In response to your request, the Ministry does not hold the information requested. This is because 'occupation' is not a mandatory field in the case management system used by the Courts, so this information may not be captured in every instance. In addition, the Ministry does not undertake reporting on offending by occupation. In order to provide you with this information, the Ministry would be required to create complex reporting that does not already exist, and there is no obligation to create information to respond to a request under the Act.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold this information and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

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 require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to 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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