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Our ref: OIA 106383

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### Official Information Act 1982 request: Property Relationships Act 1976

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2023 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), in which you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), updated information regarding the Property Relationships Act 1976 (PRA). Specifically, you requested:

*Would you please add to this the following two years to 30 June 2022 and 2023 under the respective categories under the various tables retaining the existing annual figures as per attached OIR. Please retain as a landscape document just narrow up the columns to get on the sheets concerned for the various periods.*

You have asked to add the last two years data and retain the existing annual figures as those in a previous response (our ref: OIA 90229). I must advise that the Ministry cannot provide the information in this way, as to do so would result in the provision of incorrect data. As previously advised, the data is extracted from a live database that is continually updated, therefore previously supplied information may not match the most recently extracted data.

In response to your request, please find attached the updated data tables 1-3:

- Table 1 provides the number of property cases filed, by relationship type and filing financial year from 2011/2012 to 2022/2023
- Table 2 provides the number of cases that had a settlement conference relating to PRA proceedings prior to a Family Court hearing, by relationship type and application financial outcome year from 2011/2012 to 2022/2023
- Table 3 provides the number of cases with one or more finalised applications for division of relationship property, by relationship type and application outcome financial year from 2011/2012 to 2022/2023.

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/](https://www.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 Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

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**Table 1: Number of property applications filed, by relationship type and filing financial year, 2011/2012 - 2022/2023**

Relationship type	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Civil Union	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	3
Defacto	337	219	253	229	229	306	303	290	307	334	356	372
Married	798	475	512	486	429	535	512	509	421	503	383	428
Not Stated	109	97	139	134	124	117	137	201	182	299	233	287
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1,090</b>

**Notes for Table 1:**

Financial year is the financial year that the case was filed.

Data was extracted from a live database that is continually updated. Previously supplied information for 2021/22 and prior years may not match the most recently extracted data.

**Table 2: Number of cases that had a settlement conference relating to PRA proceedings prior to a family court hearing, by relationship type and application financial outcome year, 2011/2012 - 2022/2023**

Relationship type	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Civil Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Defacto	28	29	17	15	11	16	15	19	11	17	17	15
Married	35	45	43	33	32	48	30	28	22	26	17	21
Not Stated	3	6	0	1	1	3	3	1	0	4	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>

**Notes for Table 2:**

The data refers to cases with one or more finalised applications for 'division of relationship property' with outcomes from 2011/2012 - 2022/2023.

Tables 2 and 3 refer to cases with one or more finalised applications under section 23 of the PRA (division of relationship property).

Table 2 is a subset of Table 3.

Data was extracted from a live database that is continually updated. Previously supplied information for 2021/22 and prior years may not match the most recently extracted data.

**Table 3: Number of cases with one or more finalised applications for division of relationship property, by relationship type and application outcome financial year, 2011/2012 - 2022/2023**

Relationship type	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Civil Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Defacto	34	34	20	20	22	25	30	25	20	24	21	19
Married	48	57	63	49	40	60	43	38	30	31	24	29
Not Stated	3	7	0	1	3	4	4	1	0	6	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>

**Notes for Table 3:**

The data refers to cases with one or more finalised applications for 'division of relationship property' with outcomes from 2011/2012 - 2022/2023.

Tables 2 and 3 refer to cases with one or more finalised applications under section 23 of the PRA (division of relationship property).

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