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Our ref: OIA 107200

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Official Information Act request: Temporary Protection Orders

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2023 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting information about temporary protection orders under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you requested:

"I would like to request the number of Temporary Protection Orders been issued between 2017 and 2022, grouped by court and judge."

Information on the number of temporary protection orders, by court location, are published on the Ministry's website. You can find this information in the protection order applications workbook in Table 8: *Number of Protection Order applications with a temporary Protection Order granted, by court, 2013 – 2022*. The workbook and other information regarding protection orders, including the protection order flow chart, are available on the Ministry's website at: justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/justice-statistics/data-tables#family

I am therefore refusing the part of your request relating to the number of temporary protection orders, by court, under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

In response to the part of your request for temporary protection orders grouped by judge, Schedule 1 of the District Court Act 2016 provides that judicial activity statistics that identify particular judges is considered judicial information which is not subject to the Act under section 2(6)(a). I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Ministry or any other 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 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JRS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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