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Tēnā koe Section 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act request: Brothel operator certificates

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2023 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information on brothel operator certificates. Specifically, you requested:

I wondered if someone could tell me how many brothel operator certificates have been issued?

Your request has been referred to me for response, as it falls within my responsibilities as Group Manager, Courts and Tribunals, Regional Service Delivery, and is being managed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to your request, I can advise that 2,242 brothel operator certificates have been issued/ renewed between 13 January 2004 and 30 November 2023.

The Prostitution (Operator Certificate) Regulations 2003 came into force on 28 December 2003. Data has therefore been provided from the date the first operator certificate was issued.

A brothel operator certificate is valid for one year from the date it was issued. You can find more information on brothel operator certificates at justice.govt.nz/licences-certificates/brothel-operator-certification/apply-for-a-brothel-operator-certificate/.

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

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



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