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Our ref: 96906

Tēnā koe Section (9) (2)

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2022 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many people in New Zealand have been charged with Sabotage in the last ten years?

How many people in New Zealand have been convicted of the charge of Sabotage in the last ten years?

On 28 June 2022, you clarified the scope of your request to the following:

How many people have been charged with Sabotage in New Zealand?

How many people have been convicted of Sabotage in New Zealand?

In what year was the last person convicted of the charge of Sabotage?

In accordance with section 15(1AA) of the Act, the Ministry treated your request of 28 June 2022 as a new request, which replaced your original request of 21 June 2022.

The Ministry's Case Management System (CMS) holds records from 1980 onwards. A search of the CMS for records for the period between 1 January 1980 and 31 December 2021 for charges or convictions of sabotage produced no results.

This information has been provided using closed file data from Tier 1 statistics. Tier 1 statistics are published twice a year – in March (for calendar year data) and also in September (for financial year data). This means that data for 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 is not available until September 2022. More information about Tier 1 statistics is available at: data.govt.nz/use-data/showcase/official-statistics.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry. Alternatively, you are advised of your right under section 28(3) of the Act to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email to: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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