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Official Information Act 1982 request: Education providers' name suppression

Thank you for your email of 25 July 2022, under the Official information Act 1982 (the Act), for information around the education providers who have been granted name suppression. Specifically, you requested:

I would like to request the following data from the last seven calendar years:

- The number of teachers who have been granted name suppression before the courts - and the type charges they were facing, and whether they were convicted or not. (I have seen previous OIAs relating to name suppression where type of charge has been grouped by type i.e homicide, public order, sexual offences, injury etc - this format would be preferable for the purposes of my request.)*
- The number of teachers who were denied permanent name suppression - and the charges they were facing, and whether they were convicted or not*
- The number of education providers (i.e schools including kindergartens through to college - but excluding universities) who have been granted permanent name suppression in the courts.*
- The number of education providers (i.e schools including kindergartens through to college - but excluding universities) who were not granted permanent name suppression in the courts.*

The Ministry does not hold the information that has been requested. This is because the Case Management System does not record the defendant's occupation. This information may be held on the court file, however, courts are excluded from the operation of the OIA under section 2(6)(a). I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry of Justice, or any other agency subject to the OIA.

If you require further information, please contact Joe Locke, Media Manager on 021 636 416, or email: media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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