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Tēnā koe Section (9) (2) (c)

**Official Information Act 1982 request: Sentences of Alcohol and Other Drug assessments**

Thank you for your email of 14 September 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) assessments. Specifically, you requested:

*Of those convicted in court in 2021, how many were given a sentence condition along the lines of "to attend alcohol and drug assessment/counselling as directed by your probation officer."*

I can advise that this level of sentencing detail is not recorded in the Case Management System (CMS) used by the courts. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry of Justice or believed to be held by any other department.

Referrals to treatment and sentence obligations are recorded in individual court files and under section 2(6)(a), courts are not subject to the Act.

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 Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602 or by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā



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