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Ms Leah Trass
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Dear Ms Trass

On 16 October 2013 the Ministry received two emails from Leigh Baillie, former employee of PANIC, dated 20 July 2013 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many settlement payments have been paid out to families due to CYF errors outside of the normal complaints process but in court proceedings?*
- *Of those, how many have had suppression orders placed on them so that amounts cannot be disclosed?*
- *How much was the highest amount awarded to an individual family in either an out of court or in court settlement?*
- *How much, over the last five years, has CYF spent on legal representation in relation to its cases?*
- *How much, over the last five years, has CYF paid for others' legal representation?*

Legal Services and Child, Youth and Family have advised that they are unable to provide a response to any of these questions without further clarification from the requestor.

Please contact me directly on 04 916 3823 to refine the above requests so that the Ministry is able to provide a response.

Given the high number of requests that the Ministry has underway on behalf of PANIC, I would appreciate it if you could contact me by 5pm on 15 November 2013 otherwise I will need to close these requests.

Yours sincerely

Agnes Sefo
Manager Official and Parliamentary Information