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Dear Mr Creser

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 May 2019 to Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Justice. On 20 May 2019, your request has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) and referred to me for reply as this falls within my area of responsibility as Group Manager (Acting), Courts and Tribunals, Regional Service Delivery. Your request was for:

Ministry guidelines/legislation/rule applicable to the above govt depts to ensure that documents sealed as judgments by lawyers follow the decisions made by the Court.

In response to your request, the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) sought clarification with you on 24 May 2019. As I have not had a response from you, I will proceed to answer your question as you have asked. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry and I have no reason to believe it is held by, or more closely connected to the functions of, any other department or Minister.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Julia Goode, Team Leader, Media and Official Correspondence, by calling (04) 918 8836; or emailing media@justice.govt.nz

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



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