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Dear Mr Power

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 October 2019 regarding court cases involving Simon Bridges as a Crown prosecutor.

Specifically, you requested:

A list of all court cases involving Simon Bridges as a Crown prosecutor between 2001 and 2008, broken down where possible by:

- Case number
- Case name
- Charges laid by the Crown
- Case summary
- Case outcome/result including sentencing details where applicable

The information you have requested is not recorded by the Ministry of Justice. The information may be held by the courts which are excluded from the operation of the OIA under section 2(6)(a). Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority.

Generally speaking, the person seeking information from the court record will need to apply in writing to the Registrar of the court where the case was heard. As the information you seek may be held in the Family and Criminal jurisdictions, two applications may need to be filed. You will need to identify the particular records you wish to access and give reasons for your application. Your application will then be considered by the Registrar or if necessary a Judge. Any decision relating to the release of a court record is a judicial decision and may attract a fee.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Julia Goode, Team Leader, Media, 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

I trust that this information assists.

Yours sincerely

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