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Ref: OIA 79487

Dear T Jones

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your request of 18 November 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in which you requested the following information:

How many people have been charged with or convicted of treason in New Zealand (ever)? Who were they?

Since 1980, which is the earliest year data is available, five charges of treason have been filed. The charges against four people were lodged in the same court on the same date. The charges were dismissed for want of prosecution in 2008. The charge against the other person was discharged under section 347 of the Crimes Act 1961 in 2008.

All charges were filed as private prosecutions. A private prosecution is a prosecution started by a private individual or entity who/which is not acting on behalf of the police or other prosecuting authority.

The identities of the defendants is court information and is not subject to the OIA as per section 2(6). You must apply directly to the relevant court for access to court information. This may attract a fee.

Please note that access to court information is governed by specific search rules and the inherent authority of the courts to regulate access to the information under its supervision. Your request will be considered by a Judge. Any decision relating to the release of court information is a judicial decision. The Ministry of Justice cannot intervene or comment on this decision-making process.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Julia Goode, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8836 or 021 636 416; or emailing media@justice.govt.nz.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea King', with a stylized flourish extending to the right. To the left of the signature, the initials 'P.P.' are written in blue ink.

Andrea King
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