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Our ref: OIA 80957

Dear Ms Phillips

Official Information Act request: Fines

Thank you for your email of 5 March 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about private organisations imposing fines. You specifically requested the following:

"I am a member of the New Zealand Kennel inc recently they started to advertise if certain deadlines were not met there would be a fine. Is a private organisation able to impose a fine?"

Ministerial Relations and Services extended your request on 1 April 2020, advising the due date for our response would be 3 June 2020.

Your request is being refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available. I would like to offer my sincere apology that this response was not made sooner. This was due to an administrative oversight in Ministerial Relations and Services.

The Legislation Design and Advisory Committee (LDAC) website has published guidelines about who is authorised to charge fines and levies. This information can be found here:
www.ldac.org.nz/guidelines/legislation-guidelines-2018-edition/issues-particularly-relevant-to-empowering-secondary-legislation/chapter-17

The Ministry of Justice website has published information for fines imposed by a Judge or Justice of the Peace if you have been found guilty of an offence. This information can be found here:
www.justice.govt.nz/fines/about-fines

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



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