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By email: [fyi-request-12691-b478a47e@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-12691-b478a47e@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Victoria

#### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

I refer to your online request dated 23 April 2020 in which you ask for, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1. Could you please tell me the number of arrests made for offenders by year between 2010 and 2020 who have been involved with the selling of a child's (under 18) body for sex, and what area these offenders are based in?*
- 2. Is their sentence time also able to be included?*

In response to the first part of your question, Police hold statistics regarding the number of offender proceedings (which means Police have taken action against someone) for offences that are relevant to sexual services from under 18 year olds.

Those offences are categorised as follows:

- 1233- Dealing with people under 18 for sex/body parts/forced labour
- 2972 Induce compel to provide sexual services
- 2973- Assist under 18 to provide sexual services
- 2974-Receive earnings from under 18
- 2975-contract for sex under 18.

I have attached a table titled 'Offender Proceedings 2010 – 2020 Prostitution Offences relating to under 18 year olds' which provides the information requested and also details the Police District where these offences were reported as occurring.

In relation to the second part of your request regarding sentencing of offenders, Police are not the lead agency responsible for court proceedings, and we are unable to provide you with further information about the final outcome of any of the proceedings referred to, including any sentences received by offenders. That part of your request is refused under 18(g) of the Official Information Act because the information is not held.

The Ministry of Justice may be able to assist you with this particular part of your request.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CS', written in a cursive style.

Craig Scott  
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