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Dear Mr Luke

Your Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 2 July 2020 regarding tribunal reports on the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) website. Your request was as follows:

...may I ask is that all tribunals listed on your website should have Annual reports or some are required to have one. If they should have one, may I kindly request these reports under the OIA and I would like to ask you to upload them to its relevant page...

In response to your request, I advise that Tribunals are established and governed by legislation. Some Tribunals are required by law to produce annual reports to the Minister of Justice, and these are listed below:

- Abortion Supervisory Committee
- Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority
- Canterbury Earthquake Insurance Tribunal
- Immigration Advisors Complaints and Disciplinary Tribunal
- Immigration Protection Tribunal
- Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal
- Legal Complaints Review Officer
- Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal
- Real Estate Agents Disciplinary Tribunal
- Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Licensing Authority

Annual reporting requirements for these Tribunals can be found on the New Zealand Legislation website: legislation.govt.nz

The following annual reports for 2019 have been published on the Ministry's website:

- Abortion Supervisory Committee;
- Immigration and Protection Tribunal; and
- Legal Complaints Review Officer

Therefore I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, as this information is publicly available.

At the time of your request, the Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal 2019 report had not been published on our website. I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. The report is now available online and can be found at: justice.govt.nz/tribunals/lawyers-and-conveyancers/lc-disciplinary-tribunal/about/

You will note that legislation requires some Tribunals to produce an annual report within three months of the end of the financial year. The following annual reports for the year ending 30 June 2020 are in draft and due to be published by the end of September 2020:

- Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority;
- Canterbury Earthquake Insurance Tribunal;
- Motor Vehicle Disputes Tribunal;
- Real Estate Agents Disciplinary Tribunal; and
- Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Licensing Authority.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information will soon be publicly available.

The Immigration Advisors Complaints and Disciplinary Tribunal report for the year ending 30 June 2020 is due to be presented to the House of Representatives soon. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information will soon be publicly available.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JKS', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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