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Tēnā koe Mr Collins

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 6 April 2021 regarding Family Court Protection Order applications. Your request was for the following:

I would like to request the number of Temporary protection orders filed and granted per year from 2010 and how many of those orders were discharged in a defended court hearing.

Interpretation

Please note that the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) has interpreted your request for the number of Temporary Protection Orders:

- “*filed*” to mean the numbers of applications for Protection Orders filed; and
- “*discharged*” to mean the numbers of Discharge Protection Order applications granted.

For more information about the application process for Protection Order, you may wish to refer to justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Protection-Order-application-process-flow.pdf

Response

In response to your request, the information you have requested is available on the Ministry’s website. You may wish to refer to:

- Tables 1 and 4 in this link [here](#), for the numbers of Protection Order applications filed, and the numbers of applications where Temporary Protection Orders were granted each financial year since 2010/2011; and
- Table 3b in this link [here](#), for the number of Discharge Protection Order applications granted each financial year since 2010/2011.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information you have requested is publicly available on the Ministry’s website.

Please note that a review of how Protection Order application information is recorded under the Family Violence Act 2018 is currently underway. Therefore, statistical information for July 2020 onwards is currently unavailable.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Alison Horwood, Media Manager, Media and External Relations, 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 this information will be of assistance.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Findlay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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