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Tēnā koe Mr Coley

Official Information Act 1987 request

I am replying to your Official Information Act request of 11 May 2014 seeking information related to convictions attributed to synthetic cannabis.

In regard to statistics in relation to synthetic cannabis, the information you are seeking is part of the court record, which can only be accessed with judicial permission. While the Ministry compiles statistical information on conviction and sentencing; it is not broken down to the level you have requested. Without searching every court record we cannot be sure if a conviction is associated with the use of synthetic cannabis.

Therefore, I am declining your request as permitted by s 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response to your Official Information Act request, please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at Antony.Paltridge@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8820 or 027 689 0667.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

Heoi anō, nā



Tony Fisher
General Manager, District Courts

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