



Office of Hon Judith Collins

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Grace Haden

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Dear Ms Haden

On behalf of Hon Judith Collins, Minister of Justice, thank you for your request for information received in the Minister's office 09 June 2014. Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) you requested the following:

"all documents and /or links to any documents e.g. submissions, which were considered in the removal of the definition of convicted from our legislation and the reasoning behind that decision.

Please provide documents and /or legal precedents relied upon to redefine the word "Convicted" and documents outlining the prescribed procedure for the court so as to be able to find someone guilty on indictment but not so that they are convicted (aside from any application for discharge without conviction)

Please provide evidence of the definition now relied upon for the word Convicted and any discussion as to why convicted and Guilty do not mean one and the same thing in New Zealand when internationally they are deemed to be synonymous in legal dictionaries."

The Minister is considering your request in accordance with the Act and will respond in due course.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ashleigh Muir'.

Ashleigh Muir

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