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Tēnā koe C Townsend

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for email of 7 July 2014 to the Ministry of Justice, in which you have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding alcohol- and cannabis-related domestic violence charges.

When a person is charged with a domestic violence offence, the charge is not based on whether the person has been using a substance or not, or which substance they may have been using, at the time of the offence.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act on the ground that the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

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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