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Tēnā koe Mr Sanders

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

We are replying to your email of 23 August 2014 in which you have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number of permanent name suppression orders from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2014.

When the suppression provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 came into force in March 2012, the rules around granting name suppression were tightened.

Consequently, the number of name suppression orders dropped from the year 2012 and this is reflected in the data provided.

Specifically, you have requested the number of permanent name suppression orders:

- a) separated into convicted and discharged persons;
- b) grouped by crime charged with; and
- c) by judge.

In response to your questions 'a' and 'b' above, please find Table 1 and Table 2 attached.

Please note with the attached data:

- It counts number of defendants with permanent name suppression orders;
- An individual is counted once per year for their most serious charge (grouped by ANZSOC codes) by the date of the name suppression direction and by the current court;

Please also note that figures between one and four, have been replaced by "<4", to preserve the privacy of the persons reflected in the data.

In regard to question 'c', the Ministry cannot provide you with this information because it forms part of the court record which can only be accessed with judicial permission. The Ministry can access some information for statistical purposes; however, this level of detail is not available in the datasets that we use to analyse statistical data.

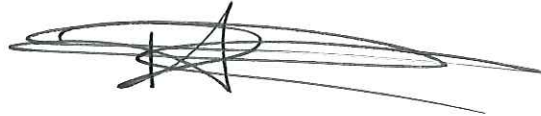
Similarly, the outcome data is available by whether a conviction was entered or not. The dataset used for reporting does not specify whether a person was discharged as opposed to acquitted or whether the charges were all withdrawn.

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 8980 or 027 689 0667.

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Table 1: The number of defendants that have been granted permanent name suppression by conviction, as at 29 August 2014.

	Direction Made in Year														
	2009			2010			2011			2012			2013		
	Convicted			Convicted			Convicted			Convicted			Convicted		
	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total
District and High Courts	218	662	880	201	573	774	193	448	641	224	185	409	222	132	354

Please note: 'Yes' represents the number of people convicted. 'No' represents the number of people not convicted, which includes charge outcomes of withdrawn, dismissed, acquitted and discharged without conviction.

Table 2: The number of defendants that have been granted permanent name suppression, by most serious charge group, as at 29 August 2014.

	Offence Group	Direction Made in Year				
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
District and High Courts	Abduction, harassment and other offences against the person	24	17	19	14	11
	Acts intended to cause injury	200	164	169	136	123
	Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	62	56	53	26	27
	Fraud, deception and related offences	22	27	13	18	12
	Homicide and related offences	<4	8	5	<4	<4
	Illicit drug offences	40	42	29	18	7
	Miscellaneous offences	<4	6	12	4	7
	Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	49	31	30	16	13
	Prohibited and regulated weapons and explosives offences	30	20	11	6	5
	Property damage and environmental pollution	47	46	37	10	7
	Public order offences	184	137	71	28	12
	Robbery, extortion and related offences	<4	0	5	<4	<4
	Sexual assault and related offences	76	84	84	94	102
	Theft and related offences	115	120	71	21	11
	Traffic and vehicle regulatory offences	6	5	19	9	8
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter	18	10	13	4	<4	