



29 June 2022

Richard Wang

By email: fyi-request-19570-b92eccb2@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Wang

**Official Information request: when would Crown Law and the Solicitor General review
Police decisions not to charge police officers**

Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request dated 2 June 2022 asking under what circumstances Crown Law and the Solicitor General would review the decisions of Police not to charge Police officers who have been found to have engaged in misconduct, when Police choose not to do so.
2. We have decided to refuse your request for information under s 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the basis there is no document containing the information requested.
3. In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that Crown Law is not a prosecuting agency. While from time to time Crown Law may be asked to review or advise on decisions whether to prosecute or not, there are no defined circumstances under which such advice might be sought or provided. For general assistance in this area you may wish to refer to the publications available on the Crown Law website under the heading "Prosecution Guidelines".

Proactive release

4. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
5. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully
Crown Law

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